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STANDARD OIL COMPANY REPORT SAYS NEARLY 100 MAY BE LOST

There is still no definite estimate of dead and missing from the U.S.S. Panay, but H.M.S. Bee has been doing splendid work in rescuing many of the American seamen. It is known that there are 54 survivors from the Panay, but it is not certain how many persons were aboard the vessel when she was bombed.

The American Government is taking a very grave view of the case, and it is recalled that the last time an American warship was sunk in peace time it precipitated the Spanish-American war.

Excepting for Capt. Carlson of the Mei On, all on board the three oil tankers which were bombed by Japanese planes on the Yangtse, are reported safe on board the H.M.S. Bee, according to a telegram received by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, early this morning.

New York, Dec. 13. According to a cable from the Standard Vacuum Oil Company's office in Shanghai, the survivors of the Panay are reported to number only 54 out of an estimated total of 150 aboard.

The message adds that four United States gunboats left Kiukiang at daylight for the scene and the Japanese were reported to be sending gunboats and large seaplanes to assist.

It is reported that 18 Japanese bombers and pursuit planes participated in the attack upon the Panay and the oil tankers.—*Reuter*.

54 Survivors In Mission

It is unconfirmably learned that 54 survivors from U.S.S. Panay are safe ashore at a mission.

The United States Ambassador has expressed to United Press heartiest appreciation for the assistance rendered by H.M.S. Bee, declaring the immediate despatch of the Bee and her readiness to help Americans in distress were a blessing, since there were no American ships in the vicinity.—*United Press*.

Shanghai, Dec. 14. H.M.S. Bee has sent a wireless message that she has rescued seven more survivors from the U.S.S. Panay, all of whom are now safely aboard.

They are John Bonkowski, gunner's mate, Raymond Browning, electrician's mate, Thomas Coleman, seaman, John Dirhofer, seaman, Joseph Graves, gunner's mate, James Marshall of Collier's magazine, C. C. Vines from Roanoke, Virginia, who is connected with the B.A.T. Fireman John Hodges and Machinist's Mate William Hoyle are travelling overland in an attempt to reach Wuhu from Hohsien.

H.M.S. Bee has requested the Japanese authorities to provide safe conduct, although the whereabouts of the two men are unknown.—*Reuter*.

Grave View Taken

Washington, Dec. 13. The extreme gravity with which the United States Government regards the Yangtse scuttling, notwithstanding the profuse apologies already tendered by every appropriate Japanese authority, can be gauged by the following points which were made to *Reuter* by a competent authority this evening.

1. This is the first occasion a United States warship has been sunk in peace time by a so-called friendly Power since the sinking of the battleship Maine, which precipitated the Spanish-American War.

2. The President's personal intervention and message to Emperor

Noted Writer Badly Hurt

Among the wounded picked up by H.M.S. Bee following the destruction of the Panay and Standard Oil Company vessels, is Mr. James Marshall, it is learned from the naval authorities here this morning. He is the well-known American writer whose work in Collier's Weekly have been so widely read and quoted. He is seriously wounded in the neck.

Among the men from the three Socony steamers picked up are: Messrs. Sherwood, Pickering, Goldie, Jergenson, Mendyard and Blinsio. These names may be incorrectly spelled.

Rescued On Bee

Hankow, Dec. 14. The official list of rescued men aboard H.M.S. Bee includes: John Bonkowski, gunner's mate; R. L. Browning, electrician's mate; Thomas Coleman, pharmacist's mate; J. Dirhofer, seaman; Joseph Graves, gunner's mate; C. C. Vines, B. A. T. Co.; Jim Marshall, Collier's Weekly.

John Hodges and W. T. Doyle are believed to have gone over-land in an effort to reach Wuhu, and the British have requested information from the Japanese authorities as to their whereabouts.—*United Press*.

Mitrobits are circumstances rarely, if ever, with parallel.

3. The United States Government is amazed at Mr. Saito's frank admission that the Japanese know where the American vessels were located and that hence, in the

NANKING RETREAT ORDERED

Fall Came After Stout Defence

No Thought Of Surrender

Shanghai, Dec. 14. Chinese defenders of Nanking, after withstanding intensive Japanese attacks for one week, were yesterday ordered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to withdraw.

The withdrawal was carried out in an orderly manner and completed shortly before yesterday evening, when the Japanese forces claimed to have "completely occupied" the former capital.

The fall of Nanking came exactly four months to the day since the outbreak of the hostilities in the Shanghai area.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a statement regarding the withdrawal of Chinese troops from Nanking, states that this does not materially affect the policy of the National Government to resist the Japanese aggression to the bitter end. The evacuation was undertaken in order to strengthen the Chinese positions whereby the war of resistance may effectively be continued.

Continuing Resistance

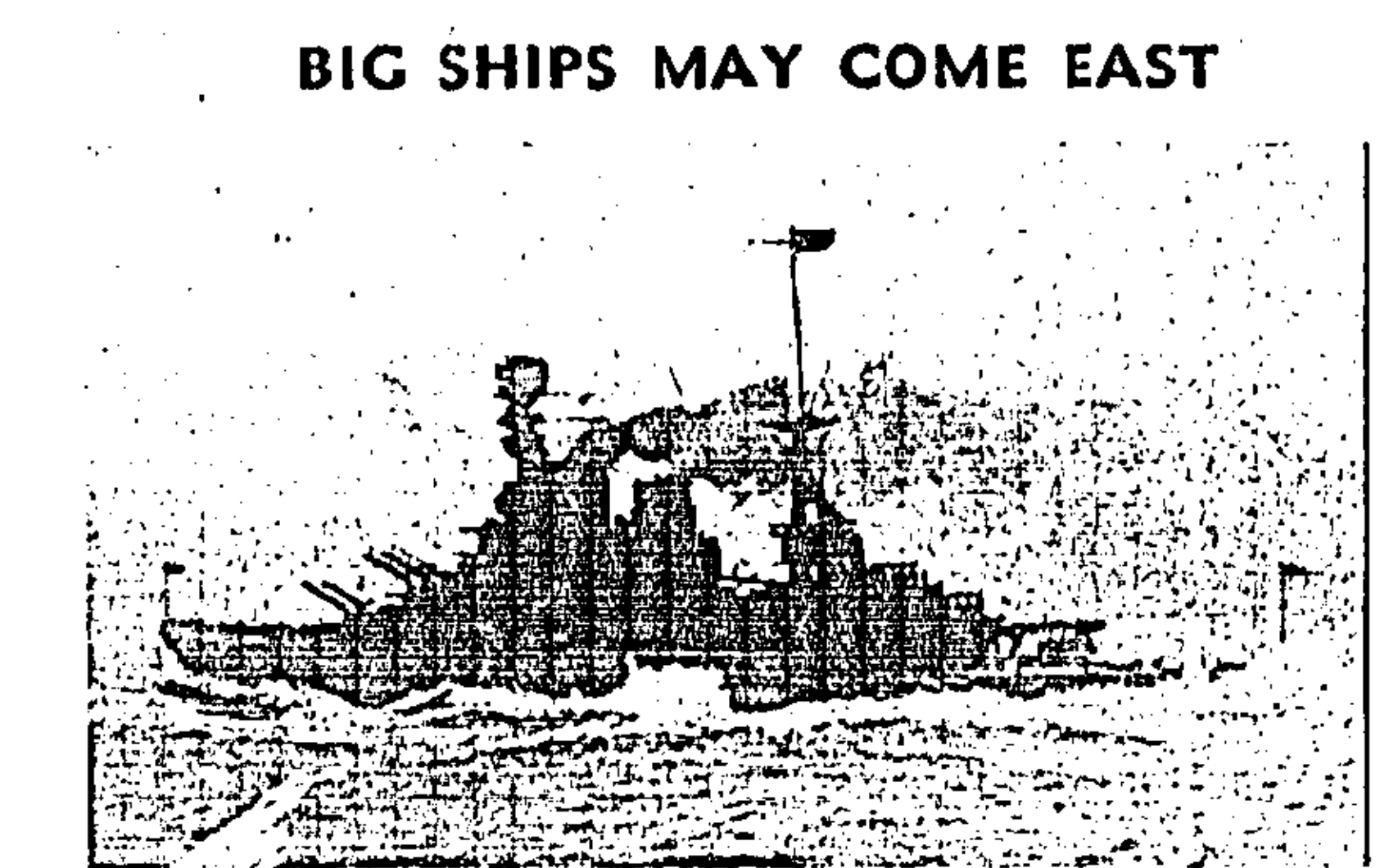
The statement points out that since the seat of the National Government has been removed from Nanking, the city has no further military significance. The Chinese army's fighting plan is to avoid heavy sacrifice and in accordance with that plan the troops at Nanking have been ordered to withdraw to new positions where they will continue the resistance.

No information is available regarding the routes the withdrawing army took, but it is presumed the bulk of the troops went up river by boats and launches.

Handful Still Fighting

Fighting desperately to stem the Japanese attacks, a small force of Chinese troops is understood to have been left at Nanking when the main body of the army withdrew. These troops, it was reported last night, were still holding Haikwan, the waterfront district between the walled city and the Yangtse, but unless they slipped out last night, they will be in a very precarious position to—*(Continued on Page 4.)*

Vigorous U.S. Representation Prepared



BIG SHIPS MAY COME EAST

Lieut.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher, Labour M.P., intends to suggest that the battlecruisers Hood and Repulse and battle-ships Malaya and Barham be sent to Chinese waters in view of the present tension. Above, H.M.S. Repulse cuts through wild weather on a North Sea mission.

ADEQUACY OF H. K. DEFENCES IS QUESTIONED

Inskip Says Problem Constantly Reviewed

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons to-day, Lieut.-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) asked when was the last joint inquiry by representatives of the three defence Services into the question of the defence of Hongkong, and if the Minister for Defence was satisfied that the British forces there were sufficient for the defence of the Colony, having regard to the existing state of affairs in the Far East.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Defence replied that British defended ports overseas, including Hongkong, were kept constantly under review by an appropriate sub-committee of the Imperial Defence Committee, on which all of the three Services were represented.

QUESTIONS ON S'HAU SITUATION

Eden Explains Japan Demand To House

London, Dec. 13. Lieut.-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) asked a question in the House of Commons to-day in regard to the demands the Shanghai Municipal Council had received from the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply, said he was informed that on December 3 a Japanese representative handed to the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police a statement indicating that the Japanese military authorities reserve the right to take independent action in the Settlement without previous notice to the Council if the situation rendered it necessary. The Council referred the matter to the Consular body which, Mr. Eden understood, is now communicating with the Japanese authorities.

Lieut.-Comdr. Fletcher asked through what channel His Majesty's Government communicates with the Shanghai Municipal Council with regard to action it considers the Council should take with regard to the demands formulated, and the action taken by the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Eden, in a written reply, said the Council was an international organisation and any advice of the nature indicated would be communicated to it collectively by the Consular body through the senior

NATION TREATS PANAY BOMBING WITH CAUTION

Borah Sees Nothing In Incident To Call For Any Drastic Action

BUT PITTMAN DECLARES IT IS INTOLERABLE

Washington, Dec. 13. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has prepared vigorous representations to be presented to Japan regarding the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay in the Yangtse on Sunday. Mr. Hull held conference with a group of Far eastern advisers before drafting his protest.

There is no indication at present whether the representations will include demands for indemnity covering the cost of the Panay and suitable compensation for the casualties involved.

Before despatching his note Mr. Hull is expected to confer with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

DEMANDS SWIFT APOLOGY

Washington Press Impatient Of Procrastination

Grudging Excuses Will Not Do

Washington, Dec. 13. A warning to Japan to make her apology for the Panay incident wholeheartedly and speedily is given by the Conservative newspaper, the Washington Star, which says there will be little disposition on the part of the United States to wait as long as Britain did for an explanation of the Japanese bombing of her Ambassador, or to be content with as grudging and half-hearted an apology as London was willing to accept.

The sinking of the Panay and the oil tankers can have only deplorable consequences if Japan, by failing adequately to atone for her misdeeds, adds arrogance to the injury.

To tolerate such conduct by marauders who were now putting China to sword and flame would be to stamp with approval Japan's whole campaign of brigandage and international lawlessness.—*Reuter*.

"LE TEMPS" CRITICAL

Paris, Dec. 13. "If the facts as related by telegrams from the Far East are true, they describe an illegal action which could not be allowed in any organized society or civilised state," says *Le Temps* in a leader dealing with the Japanese attacks on foreign shipping.

"The latest incidents at Nanking are of a particularly grave nature as it is a question of real acts of hostility against British and American warships without any provocation on their part. It is understandable that a warlike act against the gunboat Panay should cause the greatest concern in Washington."

PREMEDITATED ACTS?

The leader adds that there is reason to believe the incidents were premeditated.—*(Continued on Page 4.)*

It was stated at the White House to-day that the Government's policy with reference to the sinking of the Panay would be decided on a national, patriotic basis, with the complete absence of any political consideration. President Roosevelt is represented as being hopeful that the American people and the press would give him their understanding support.

Later. President Roosevelt's message and the Government's demands have been transmitted to the Japanese Ambassador by Mr. Cordell Hull, who told the Ambassador that the President was "deeply shocked and concerned by the news of the indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels in the Yangtse, and requests the Emperor to be so advised."

Ready For Emergency

Mr. Stephen Early, Assistant Secretary to the President, who made

(Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

CASUALTY FIGURES UNALTERED

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The original figure of 54 survivors of the Panay disaster has hitherto not been altered. The United States Embassy understands there were 70 aboard the Panay, comprising 54 members of the crew, six Chinese, and 10 foreign civilians, mostly newspapermen.

The crews of the entire Standard Oil concentration comprise altogether six foreigners and 161 Chinese.

Carrying doctors and loaded with medical supplies, a three-motored Japanese plane hopped off for Hohsien from Shanghai this morning.—*Reuter*.

FALMOUTH ARRIVES

H.M.S. Falmouth, with Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, arrived in Hongkong at 7.15 a.m. to-day from Shanghai.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

UNDER the CRUST

Savoury Pies are Popular... says Mrs. BARDELL

HOT for dinner, cold for supper. Savoury pies popular—especially in winter? They're substantial, tasty, and full of good nourishment.

I serve so many different pies that there are probably several of these recipes of mine which you have not tried yet.

I get lots of practice at making this raised pie for my folk.

Ingredients: 1lb. flour, 6oz. lard, 1 pint water, 1 teaspoonful salt.

Put the lard and water into a saucepan and bring to the boil, then stir it into the flour and salt, and knead to a light dough. Place the dough on a floured board, allow it to stand for five minutes, then knead until a light dough is formed.

Shape the greater portion of the dough with the hands into a hollow pie. The pastry must be kept warm or it will crack. When sufficiently raised, fill with seasoned meat.

Wet the edges with cold water and cover with a lid made from the remaining piece of crust. Brush over with beaten egg, decorate with leaves and diamonds, and brush the decorations with beaten egg.

Make a slit in the pastry, fix in a funnel of parchment paper, and decorate round the paper with pastry decorations. Place the pie in a hot oven for twenty minutes to half an hour, reduce the heat, cover with parchment paper soaked in cold water, and cook for one and a half hours.

Pour in a little good, hot savoury stock with a little dissolved gelatine added. Leave to set in cold place.

Squab (Mutton) Pie

This is how I make the popular dish of the West Country.

Ingredients: 1½lb. neck of mutton, three medium-sized onions, 1lb. apples, seasoning, a little tomato or mushroom ketchup. Suet crust paste.

Joint the mutton into cutlets and



Steak & Kidney

A FAMILY favourite in winter. Ingredients: 6oz. plain flour, 2oz. cornflour, 6oz. fat (3oz. margarine and 3oz. lard), 1 teaspoonful salt, water, a squeeze of lemon juice.

Sieve the flour, cornflour and salt into a bowl and chop the fat into pieces the size of a walnut. Mix to a fairly soft dough with cold water and lemon juice, then roll into a strip about three times as long as it is broad.

Fold in three, turn so that the folded edges are to the side, and roll again. Fold in three, turn and roll. Allow the pastry to stand for an hour before using.

For the filling use: 1lb. steak, 1lb. kidney, 1½oz. patent cornflour.

Cut the meat into neat strips and the kidney into small pieces. Season the cornflour and with it coat each strip of steak. Put on each a piece of kidney and roll up.

Arrange the meat rolls in a pie dish and sprinkle over the rest of the seasoned cornflour. Add water or stock and cover with pastry. Brush over with a little milk, make a vent in the crust, bake about 1 to 1½ hours, reducing the heat after the first 15 minutes so that pastry is not over-cooked.

the flour, add the potato (cold), salt, and baking powder.

Stir in the egg and sufficient milk to form a smooth paste. Roll out to about 1 inch thickness and use for crusts for pies and pasties.

Savoury Fish Dish

Are you planning a fish supper? Try this pie.

Ingredients: 1 tin of salmon, 1 hard-boiled egg, a little chopped parsley, pepper, salt, and a pinch of cayenne, 1 pint white sauce. Flaky pastry.

Remove the skin and bones from the salmon and flake, then place in a buttered pie dish. Arrange the sliced hard-boiled egg, then sprinkle with the chopped parsley, salt, pepper and cayenne. Pour over the white sauce, then cover with flaky pastry.

Brush over with beaten egg, and decorate with pastry fishes.

Forcemeat Filling

Flavoursome and unusual pie. Line some small pie tins with this shortcrust pastry. Mix a small pinch of salt with 1lb. flour and 1-teaspoonful baking powder. Rub in 4oz. lard until

the mixture is like breadcrumbs, then add enough water to form a stiff paste. Roll out and use.

Mix 1lb. chopped veal with 1lb. chopped bacon, add two tablespoons of breadcrumbs, 2 teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley, 1-teaspoonful of mixed herbs, the grated rind of half a lemon, salt and pepper to taste. Bind with a beaten egg, and add a little milk if required.

Half fill the pies, moisten the edges and place on the tops. Pinch the edges well together, then bake in a fairly hot oven for half an hour.

Cheese Turnovers

Tasty hot supper snack.

Ingredients: 4oz. grated cheese, 6oz. flaky pastry, or potato pastry, 1½oz. butter, salt, pepper, a beaten egg.

Melt the butter in a pan, add the grated cheese and stir till melted, then add most of the beaten egg. Season to taste, and cook and stir over a gentle heat until the mixture thickens, then allow to cool.

Roll out the pastry, cut into rounds with a large cutter or saucer, place two teaspoonfuls of the mixture on each, wet the edges, fold over and press the edges together.

Brush over with beaten egg, and bake for 15 to 20 minutes in a hot oven. Before serving sprinkle with finely chopped parsley.

MIDGE

School Time

"My foot hurts. Can I stay at home and play?"



arrange them in a buttered pie dish, sprinkle with pepper and salt, then cover with sliced onions and apples.

Dissolve a meat cube in a breakfast-cupful of hot water and pour into the dish. For the crust, mix together 6oz. flour, 3oz. shredded suet, and half a teaspoonful each of salt and baking powder.

Add sufficient cold water to form a smooth paste, then roll out on a floured board, and cover the pie dish with the crust. Bake in a moderate oven for 1½ hours.

Carefully pour away the fat from the side of the dish by carefully lifting up the pastry, then add, if liked, the tomato ketchup.

Popular Pork Pie

Savoury and sustaining in cold weather it is, too.

Mould the crust or line an oblong or round tin with pastry, then fill as follows: Cut up small 1½lb. pork, not too fat, season with pepper and salt and simmer bones to make stock.

When the crust is sufficiently raised, half fill it with the seasoned pork, add a sliced hard-boiled egg, then fill up with the meat.

Cover with a lid of pastry and bake for 20 minutes in a very hot oven, then in a very slow one for 1½ hours. Add two teaspoonfuls of gelatine to the hot stock, and pour into the pie. Stand in a cold place until set.

Make a vent in the pastry, with a slit and paper funnel, as in the raised pie.

Potato Paste

As a change, this pastry could be used for pies.

Ingredients: 1lb. dry floury potatoes, 1lb. flour, 2oz. dripping, 2oz. lard, 1 egg, a little warm milk, a good pinch of salt, and one heaped teaspoonful baking powder.

Bake enough potatoes in their skins to yield 1lb. Mash and rub through a sieve. Then rub the fat lightly into

Cushions From Scraps

CUSHIONS are quite an important part of our furnishings nowadays, for they add a certain note of comfort and luxury which modern decorators have made popular.

The new cushions have very little trimming beyond the lovely fabrics of which they are composed.

As most of them are further of rectangular shape, they are quite easy to make once you have chosen the nicest materials for them which you can procure—from the shops, or maybe even from your fabric "piece-bag."

White chintz, quilted in squares or diamonds in brightly coloured silk is ideal for cushions in certain rooms. The stitching may be in scarlet, navy blue, emerald, or bright violet or purple according to the existing colour scheme.

If you have an old sampler, or a piece of beautifully made needlework, showing small stitches and an all-over design, then here is your chance to put it to good use by turning it into a cushion.

Pieces of needlework tapestry, intricate or simple in conception, can also be turned into cushion covers with little trouble.

Brighter Sports Shoes

SPORTS shoes are alarmingly colourful nowadays. It seems but a short while ago that they simply had to be of classic cut, and made of good brown leather if they were to be "good style."

But now we have very attractive models in dark kid piped with a vivid colour, and having a short, wide lace in leather of the same colour to match.

Flat-heeled black shoes look well with green lacings and pipings, and dark blue is finished with canary colour.



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Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

Two Savoury Dishes

MANY thousands of English people are devotees of pig's trotters, but many more are suspicious of what is really a very delicious form of food—provided that your pork butcher is beyond suspicion and you make certain that the trotters are perfectly clean before being cooked.

They do deserve greater popularity and in the hope of inducing some of my readers to share with me two quite delicious dishes, here they are one hot and one cold.

When they are done let them get cool out of the liquor, un-wrap and brush them over with olive oil, roll them in bread-crumbs and grill quickly, a quarter of an hour being enough. Serve with tomato sauce.

Cold Trotters THIS is a Creole recipe, and a very good one, for six trotters.)

Grilled Trotters **C**UT the prepared pig's too, for a supper dish. Feet in half length. Soak the prepared feet in water for several hours, then pepper to the seasoning if you of cloth, twisting and tying the split and crack them in several like the dish rather hot.

Then take them out, drain and lay them in a deep dish, pour over some boiling spiced vinegar. Cover them while they are cooking. Keep for 24 hours before serving.

The spiced vinegar is made by boiling a pint of good vinegar for a few minutes with two bayleaves, three blades of mace, a dozen cloves and a whole red pepper pod. (This is enough for six trotters.)

You can add a little cayenne to the seasoning if you like. This is enough for six trotters.)

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DANCE DRESS REVEALS BLEMISHES

By Marion Morton

IF you count dancing among your major hobbies—or indeed if you ever dance at all, and most of us do that—then we have to remember one fact especially when we are practising our general beauty regime, however scanty it maybe.

Backs and shoulders are much in evidence. One is often forced to realise that if only all women looked at their backs in a double mirror they would certainly either try to improve them or else invariably cover them up altogether.

Stand Up

OFTEN, however, it is the result of bad posture and lack of exercise. If you hold yourself properly your back may immediately fall into really lovely lines. And if you remember always to keep your shoulder blades straight, waist where it should be and your neck properly poised, then these lovely lines will remain.

Attractive backs are always smooth and evenly textured, with a fine, soft skin—a state of affairs which does not necessarily arrive without help from the lady herself.

Backs are rather difficult to treat oneself, but much may be done with the help of a rubber patten on a long handle, and a bath brush.

Shoulders

THERE are lotions which give a finished appearance to your shoulders, back and arms, and if you choose a pale peach, or faint apricot shade the effect will be better than that of plain white. When your lotion is dry, the skin should be polished all over with a piece of chamomile leather dipped in powder to match the lotion.

And do be sure to use a make-up which doesn't constantly need re-appearing. A liquid powder foundation lotion is useful for skins that are apt to get moist. Noses which insist upon shining must be treated with an anti-shine lotion which will mend matters.

Bow In Her Hair

WHEN you have chosen a successful hair-style which really suits your face, personality and your figure, please do not spoil the effect by dressing it up in the evening with unsuitable ornaments.

Small bows to match the dress are "in" again, and they look very pretty tying back the shorter curled pieces of hair on either side of the centre parting, the remainder of the hair falling in a rather long, straightish bob, with curled-under ends.

Fair hair looks lovely waved back from the temples, smoothed over the head and curled up at the ends, with a small black velvet bow nesting among the ends at the nape of the neck.

Hair pulled upwards and dressed rather high, forming a line of curls at the back and another group at the side of the head over the forehead may be supplemented over the other side of the forehead by a single, flat, rather small velvet flower.

A line of dark curls around the head may be broken here and there by tiny red velvet flowers or wee rosettes, placed at irregular intervals.

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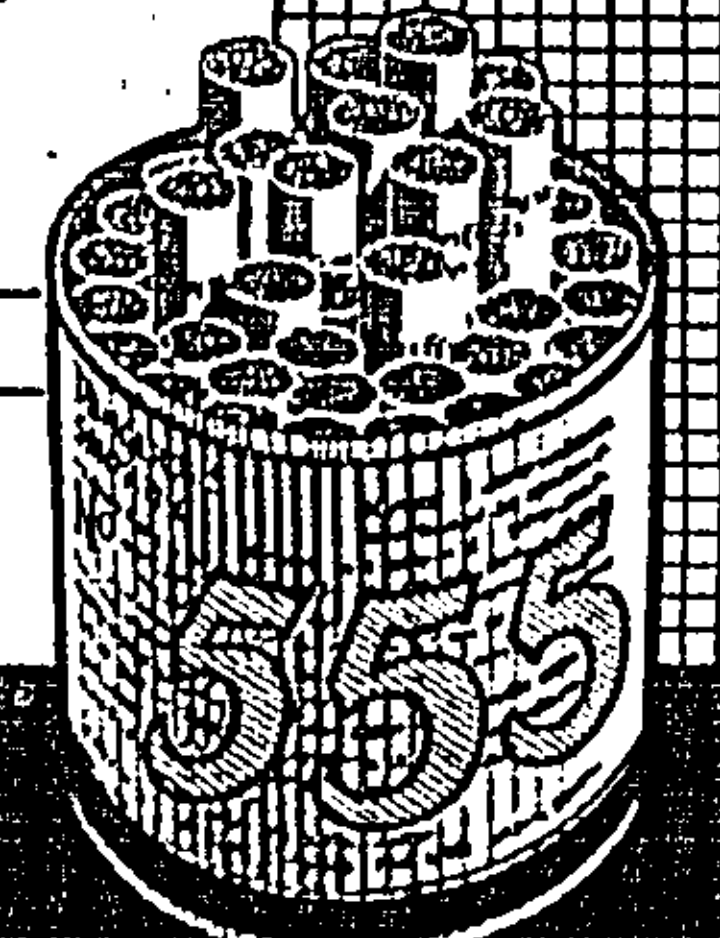
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POLICE TELL OF £15,000 FIND IN GARAGE

A police constable described at West London police court recently how he Rugby-tucked a man accused of stealing a collection of banknotes valued at £15,000.

Harold Jones, 33, described as a glass blower, address refused, was charged with stealing 101 volumes and glass-cases containing together 40,000 bank notes of various countries, the property of Mr. Frederick Ernest Catling, a cinema proprietor. Jones, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. He was offered bail in two sureties of \$100 each.

EMPTY SAFE

Mr. Frederick George Catling, son of the owner of the "Avonmore Collection," said that during September his father's town house in Avonmore Road, West Kensington, was unoccupied and in the hands of decorators. The volumes were kept there in an asbestos steel-lined safe.

On September 22 he found the safe broken open and the contents gone. On October 23 he received a letter demanding £500, which he took to the police.

On their instructions, he advertised in a newspaper, and next day another letter arrived. Acting on instructions given in that letter, he bought a green attaché-case and deposited it at King's Cross Station.

P. C. Ronald Crocker said he saw Jones receive a green leather attaché-case at King's Cross Station.

When Jones saw him he ran away, throwing the case at him. The officer said he threw his arms around Jones's legs and brought him to the ground, and after a struggle he was over-powered.

Inspector Sands said that in a lock-up garage, which he opened with a key taken from Jones, he found five books containing the collection.

Germany Paid £1,010,000,000 As Reparation

The aggregate amount paid by Germany in respect of reparation and costs of occupation was 20,598,000,000 gold marks—£1,010,000,000 at the old par of exchange. Lieutenant - Colonel Colville, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated in a written answer in the House of Commons.

He added that it was not possible to give a figure for the United Kingdom alone which was strictly comparable with this figure.

Our records included the surplus of liquidated ex-German property in Britain, but excluded receipts on account of costs of occupation which could not be distinguished without great labour.

On this basis our total receipts from German reparation payments were £122,000,000.

The aggregate amount paid by Great Britain to the United States in respect of the war debt, including token payments, was £410,000,000 at the old par of exchange.

Night Hunters Fined

Pueblo, Colo. Heavy night shooting of rabbits has caused a crusade by peace authorities in this area against the sport. The usual fine for persons convicted of night hunting is \$35. Farmers complained against the practice because it endangered livestock.

Is Selassie Still King Or Just Refugee?

JEW ISSUES WRIT AGAINST HIM

Is Haile Selassie still Emperor of Abyssinia? Or is he just a royal refugee from the country that Italy has conquered?

Is he a wealthy man or is he penniless, with no prospects of raising money from anywhere?

These questions of international significance may be decided by the High Court as a result of a writ just issued, says the Sunday Despatch.

The writ has been taken out by Mr. Leo Y. Chertok, 30-years-old square-jawed American Jew, who took a prominent part in a plan to lease a large part of Abyssinia to a group of international financiers about two years ago.

Mr. Chertok abandoned his plan in October last year, and on a visit to London he was quoted as saying that he would relinquish all claims to the mineral and other rights in the 15,000 square miles of Ethiopian territory he bought for £1,000,000 in 1935.

It was stated that he was giving up the concession because it was likely to cause international complications.

His estimate of the cost of doing so was £500,000, which he said he would have got from "banker's commission."

Now he alleges that Haile Selassie owes him £23,000 for cash advanced and commission.

DEFENCE OR—

And when the writ is served, Haile Selassie can do one of two things: Refuse to defend the action which means that Mr. Chertok will get judgment by default; or Enter an appearance through his solicitor and defend the action in the High Court.

English law says that no court in this country has jurisdiction over a sovereign.

If Haile Selassie decides to make this a preliminary issue, it will be left to the court to decide whether Mr. Chertok can continue with his claim, or, in other words the court will have to decide if Haile Selassie is still Emperor of Abyssinia.

Aunt Saves Boy From Bull

George Zeis, 18, was saved from an enraged bull by his aunt, Mrs. Blanche Burd, who drove away the animal with a pitchfork. Zeis was knocked down and trampled by the bull. He suffered severe bruises and a fractured rib.

Family Apart 51 Years

Milton, Pa. Grant Thornton, of Clearwater, Fla., recently visited two sisters here for the first time in 51 years. Thornton left Milton at the age of 7 for the Southern city.

Rebel Sheik Hid In Wheat Bin Of Harem

Bearded, six-foot-four Sheik Farhan es Sandi was a member last year of a rebel Arab court-martial who passed death sentences on many they considered traitors to their cause; now he has been sentenced to death by a court-martial.

He was the first to be sentenced under the new emergency regulations which prescribe the death penalty for carrying firearms.

The sheik, with three of his followers, fugitives ever since the troubles of 1930, fell into the hands of a company of the East Yorks Regiment. His mountain village was surrounded in a thunderstorm, and he was found hiding in a wheat bin in his own harem.

When he saw the game was up Sandi, who is said to have been armed with revolvers and a Vercy light pistol, threw down his weapons, murmuring the proverb, "There is no power save Allah's."

The sheik had served as a policeman under the British before turning rebel, says the Daily Express. He co-operated with a gang which killed a constable in December, then joined Fawzi Kawkagi's insurgent forces, in which he led a body of horsemen.

Did Baby's Birth Cause Air Crash?

That the wreck of the Belgian air liner at Ostend the other week, in which the Grand Duke of Hesse and his wife were among the 11 persons killed, was due to the fact that the Grand Duchess had given birth to a child during the flight, reports in the French press suggest.

The aeroplane, it is pointed out, had flown past Ostend and had been seen near Nieuport before it turned back.

It is stated that the pilot had been told that he could fly on to London and land there safely.

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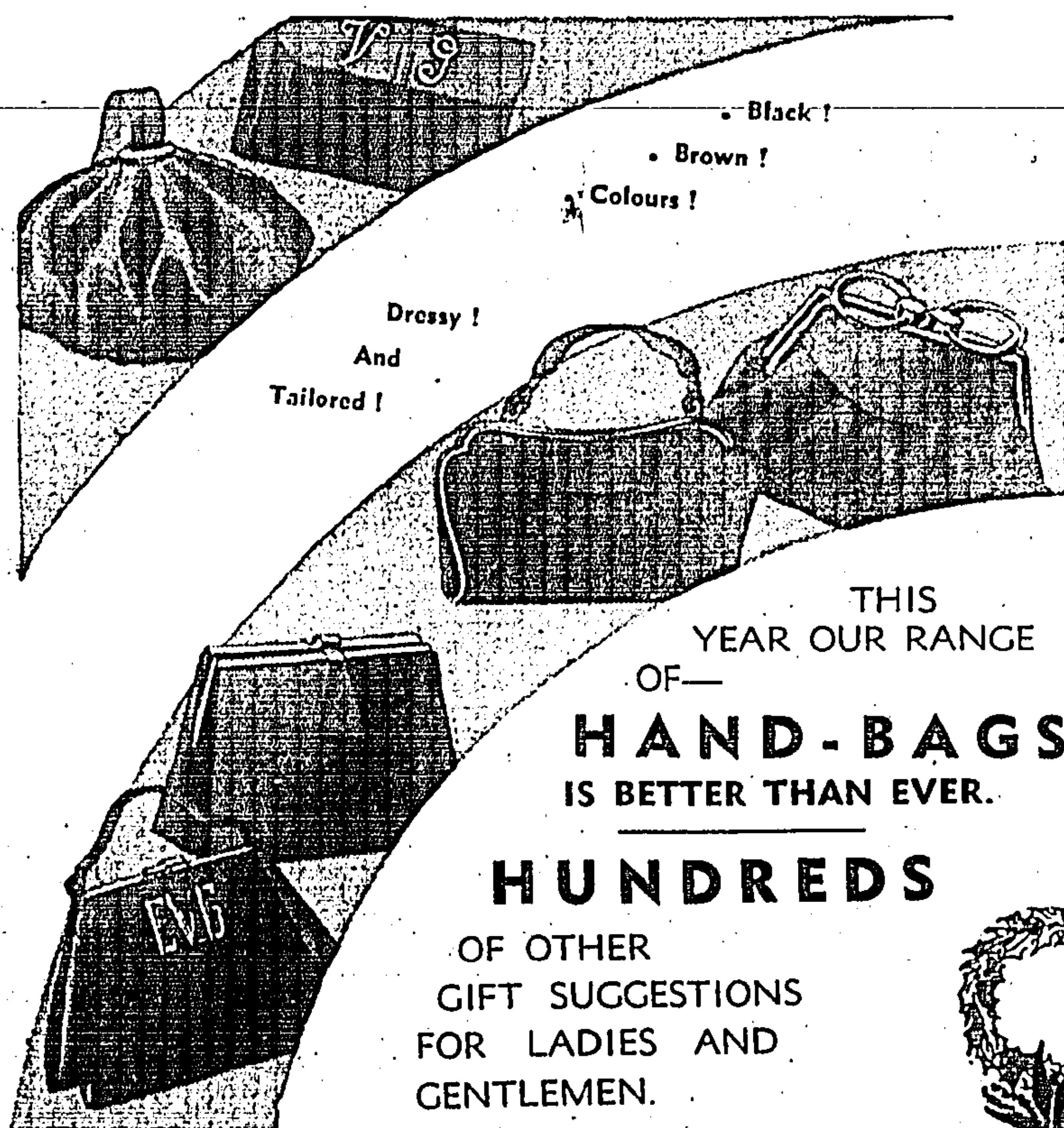
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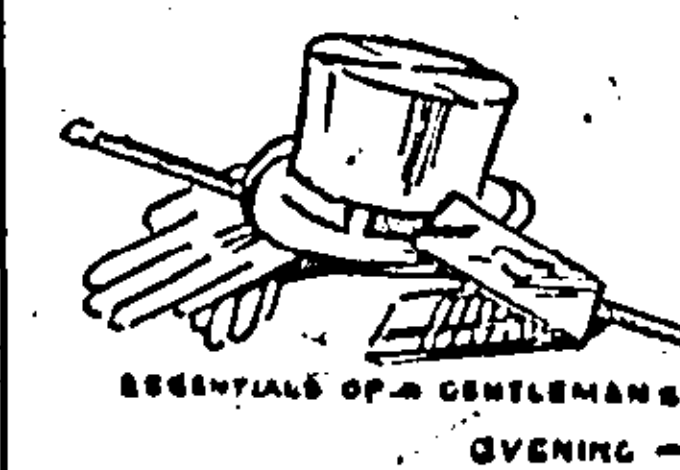
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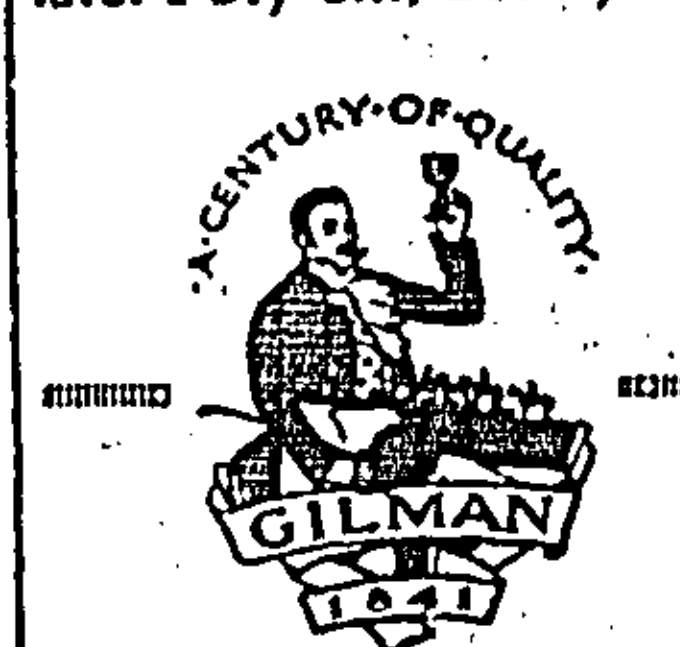
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tomer's house if required.NAVAL BASE
AT KIMOJJapanese To Spend
300,000 Yen There

Canton, Dec. 13.

Kimoj Island off Amoy is being
converted into a naval and air base
at the cost of 300,000 yen to be used
as a centre of operation against
South China, according to an intelli-
gence report from Amoy.To forestall any attack on Kimoj
Island, Japanese warships recently
shelled the nearby mainland to as-
certain that no military force was
near Kimoj, although the shells fell
mostly on open fields. About 300
Formosan troops have recently ar-
rived in the island, where a Peace
Preservation Committee was recently
established.The aerodrome, anchorage for sea-
planes and warships and a wharves
will be completed in two months.
Anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and
sound locators will be set up around
the aerodrome and naval landings.
Kimoj is protected by three Japanese
destroyers and two light cruisers,
which cruise around the waters on
the watch for passing ships for South
China.Recent reports stating that Japan-
ese bluejackets landed on the Chung-
shan mainland are not confirmed.
Their main activities are concentra-
ted at San Cho Island off Toishan
county in South Kwangtung. Sea-
soned Chinese troops are located at
Toishan and Chungshan counties,
and the present number of blue-
jackets are not sufficient to make a
landing on the mainland.Local papers stated that over
eighty children on islands occupied
by the Japanese were taken to For-
mosa for special training to become
loyal Japanese subjects at the pro-
tests of their parents. Adults are
also persuaded to go to Formosa for
training and many promises are
made to the island occupants.Whether the bluejackets will land
on Kwangtung mainland depends on
the outcome of the Nanking siege.
Military observers here believe that
Canton is of military value to the
Japanese campaign except to cut off
supplies to Hankow and North China.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capell
being in hospital, there will be
no Dancing classes until further
notice.OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS"The Prisoner of Zenda" (King's
Theatre, to-day).—Anthony Hope's
romance is popular at any age. The
present production proves as enter-
taining as the one made in the
"silent" days. Ronald Colman, as
usual, is a charming hero and carries
his part well. He is given splendid
support by Madeleine Carroll."100 Men and a Girl" (Queen's
Theatre, to-day).—Ever since "Three
Smart Girls" it was inevitable that
Deanna Durbin would have to make
another appearance on the screen.
She is again delicious here and is
the centre of the story, though per-
sonalities like Adolphe Menjou,
Leopold Stokowski and Mischa Auer
help the picture along."The Cattle Thief" (Alhambra
Theatre, to-day).—A roaring tale of
the West, replete with thrills. A
picture which all youngsters will
like."Stowaway" (Oriental Theatre, to-
day).—Shirley Temple again, in an-
other charming story. Robert Young
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REPRESENTATION
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the announcement of the diplomatic
rejoinder to the Panay bombing to
the press, said President Roosevelt
had made all his engagements on a
tentative basis so, if necessary, he
could give his entire time to the
Japanese situation.The views of some of the leading
Senators on the subject of the
Panay's sinking are interesting.Senator William Borah does not
see anything in the situation calling
for drastic action.Senator Elbert Thomas discounts
the likelihood of a serious situation
arising since the Japanese have
assumed full responsibility.Senator Pat McCarran declared:
We should have been out of Chinese
waters long ago.Senator Henrik Shipstead demand-
ed the withdrawal of all American
military forces from China.

Intolerable Incidents

Senator Key Pittman, on the other
hand, described the Panay's sinking
as a climax of an intolerable series
of incidents directed to frighten
foreigners out of China. He said it
gave little satisfaction to have the
Japanese Government express re-
grets on each such occasion. Some
high Japanese officers were respon-
sible for such outrages, he said, and
their names should be determined.
They should be punished; for only
such punishment would demonstrate
the good faith of Japan.The Japanese Government sub-
jects itself to reasonable suspicion
that such incidents are deliberate,
with the purpose of frightening the
nations of neutral countries so that
they will demand that their Govern-
ments withdraw all their represen-
tatives and nationals from China,"
Senator Pittman declared.—Reuter.

Bombing Debated

Washington, Dec. 13.
The Panay incident was debated in
the Senate to-day, and demands for
the withdrawal of American naval
craft from China were expressed
from various quarters.Senator Alben W. Barkley replied
that such action could not be un-
dertaken. Senator Hiram W. Johnson
urged Senators to withhold their
comment until more facts were
obtained, but added: "Let us re-
member we are Americans and ac-
cording protection to American citizens
throughout the world."—Reuter.

Demand Compensation

Washington, Dec. 13.
President Franklin Roosevelt has
conveyed to the Emperor of Japan
an expression of his deep concern at
the bombing of U.S.S. Panay.Simultaneously the United States
Government transmitted to the
Japanese Government a demand for
full compensation, apologies and
guarantees against a repetition of
such an attack.—Reuter.NANKING RETREAT
ORDERED

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day when their retreat by the river,
now their only means of escape, may
be cut off by the Japanese warships
which are steaming up from
Chinkiang.General Matsui is expected to enter
Nanking within a week, mounted on
a charger, in the traditional manner
of a conqueror. Meanwhile elated
residents of Hongkew will celebrate
the fall of Nanking to-day with a
victory parade through the streets in
Hongkew district.Starting with a rally in an open
space near Hongkew market, the
parade will wind through the various
streets. Among places which the
procession will pass are the Japanese
Naval Landing Party headquarters,
the Japanese military attaché's office,
the Japanese Consulate-General and
the flagship Izumi, which is berthed
next to the Japanese Consulate.—
Reuter.ADEQUACY OF
H.K. DEFENCES
IS QUESTIONED

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Japanese military officer, who stated
that the firing on the warships was
a mistake, and he had orders to fire
at every ship on the river. The
Japanese civil, military and naval
authorities at Shanghai were im-
mediately informed and they under-
took to warn the Japanese forces in
the field.Meanwhile Sir Robert Craigie had
made a very strong protest to the
Japanese Foreign Minister, who pro-
mised to make an immediate inquiry.
—Reuter.THIS CHART SHOWS
THE DANGEROUS
YEARS IN MARRIAGE

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the marriage has lasted between
ten and twenty years.14 per cent. when the marriage
has lasted more than twenty
years.These figures may leave you
with the idea that people mar-
ried ten to twenty years are
most likely to part. But actually
five to ten years is the most
dangerous period, because it is
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FREE SERVICEAnnihilation
Of Chinese
Forces FearedJapanese Sweeping
Through NankingTokyo, Dec. 13 (3.25 p.m.).
Press reports from the Nanking
front state that Japanese troops are
pushing southward to Hsiankwan with
the result that the Chinese garrison
in Nanking is virtually encircled.
"Their virtual annihilation is con-
sidered merely a question of hours,"
—Reuter.Many Buildings Captured
Shanghai, Dec. 13 (5 p.m.).
The Nanking correspondent of the
Domei news agency reports that the
Japanese in quick succession have
captured most of the Government
buildings in East Nanking, including
that housing the Military Affairs
Commission, the Military Academy,
the National Government, Executive
Yuan and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's
residence; during the fighting down
Chungshan Road. Then the Japan-
ese captured the South Wall while the
Chinese contested every inch of the
way.Meanwhile the Japanese warships
broke the Chinkiang boom and are
sailing up river through the Chinese
mines and changing fire with the
Chinese batteries at Wulungshan,
several miles below Nanking.—
United Press.

Gains Extended

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (6.42 p.m.).
Still encountering furious resist-
ance, the Japanese forces have ex-
tended their gains in the eastern
corner of Nanking as the result of a
powerful onslaught in which bombers
supported ground troops.Among the buildings the Japanese
troops have occupied, according to
Japanese reports, are the headquar-
ters of the Military Affairs Commis-
sion, the Military Academy, Chiang
Kai-shek's home, National Govern-
ment office and offices of the Execu-
tive Yuan.—Reuter.

Complete Occupation

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (10.5 p.m.).
Gen. Matsui's headquarters an-
nounce the complete occupation of
Nanking at sunset.—Reuter.

Peiping Celebrates

Peiping, Dec. 13.
The streets of Peiping are bellin-
ged in anticipation of the Japanese
occupation of Nanking. School chil-
dren have been instructed to take part
in the parades and the parents of
those refusing will be considered
Communists. Instructions have been
issued by the Peace Maintenance
Commission appointed by the Japan-
ese.—Reuter Bulletin.DEMANDS SWIFT
APOLOGY

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meditated acts on the part of certain
Japanese forces, and declares that
British, American and French war-
ships have absolute right to be in the
Yangtze. The Governments princip-
ally interested in Far Eastern affairs
had given sufficient proof of goodwill
for it to be impossible to suspect them
of wanting to use the present crisis
as a pretext for checking Japan and
forcing her into a general war.The leader concludes with a warn-
ing to Japan against taking action
which could not be allowed by Powers
who have any sense of their dignity
and duty in protecting foreign
nationals.—Reuter.SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATIONThe following ships are expected
to be in wireless communication with
Hongkong radio.—Petronella, Thur-
land Castle, Santha, Shinkyo Maru,
President Pierce, President Hoover
Scharnhorst, President McKinley,
Rajputana, Empress of Canada,
Sarpedon, Kitano Maru, Jeypore.PANAY DEATH ROLL
STILL UNKNOWN

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Ambassador's own words "the bomb-
ing was a very grave blunder."

Admission Of Guilt

The authorities are at a loss to ac-
count for this damaging admission,
which, coupled with earlier unofficial
reports, that the Japanese com-
mander in that area had allegedly
told the Japanese planes to sink all
vessels upon the Yangtze, constitutes
an admission of guilt upon more than
one count, which is felt can lend it-
self only to the explanation that the
Japanese military authorities, locally,
if not nationally, were prepared to
undertake hostile acts against friend-
ly Powers, while scarcely bothering
to conceal their designs.Despite this severe provocation,
however, the State Department is still
proceeding slowly. It is indicated
that a formal Note will not be pre-
sented until all the facts have been
ascertained, which may not be for
another 24 hours.—Reuter.Hakone Maru, Katori Maru,
Tjisalak, Adrastus and Victoria.

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Straits	Anking	December 15.
Swatow	Kanchow	December 15.
Straits	Kidderpore	December 15.
Cebu and Straits	Kusan	December 15.
Amoy	Santha	December 15.
Haiphong	Suiyang	December 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 27th November).	Emp. of Canada	December 15.
Shanghai and Foochow	Soochow	December 15.
Japan	Jeypore	December 15.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	December 15.
Japan	Sarpedon	December 15.
Manila	Adrastus	December 15.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 18th November.	Hakone Maru	December 17.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kalgan	December 17.
Japan and Formosa	Katori Maru	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kusan	December 17.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 17.
Jawa	Tjisalak	December 17.
Shanghai	Victoria	December 17.
Haiphong	Canton	December 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, 17th November)	Pres. Pierce	December 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday	
	Haiyang	Tues., Dec. 14, 2 p.m.
	Wednesday	
Kongmoon and (Pakhol via Kong- moon)	Fook On	Wed., Dec. 15, 9.00 a.m.
Air Mail for North China and Eura- sia (via Hankow) by the	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Dec. 15.
"Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface trans- port as Service permits)	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Dec. 15, 9.00 a.m.
Japan and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th January 1938—and *Europe via Siberia	Bokuyo Maru	Wed., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Wed., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	Wed., Dec. 15, 2 p.m.
Japan	Delagosa Maru	Wed., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Thursday	
Sandakan	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Dairen and *Canada via Victoria Ixion		Thurs., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
B. C. (Due Victoria B.C., 13th Jan. 1938)		
Swatow	Tingsang	Thurs., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and *Europe via Marseilles Behr	G.F.O. & K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 16.
—Due Marseilles, 16th January 1938	Reg.	Dec. 16, 1.45 p.m.
*Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya Tjinegara	Emp. of Canada	Thurs., Dec. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kitano Maru	Thurs., Dec. 16, 5.00 p.m.
	Friday	
Hollow	Anking	Fri., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand Change		Fri., Dec. 17.
via Thursday Island—(Due Thurs- day Island, 20th December)	Parcela	Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
Hollow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Kwangtung	Fri., Dec. 17, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Fri., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and President McKinley		Fri., Dec. 17.
South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C., due Victoria B.C., 5th January 1938	Parcela	Dec. 17, 4.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Katori Maru	Reg.	Dec. 17, 5.00 p.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 16th Jan. 1938)	Reg.	Dec. 17, 5.30 p.m.
	Saturday	
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Victoria Amsterdam, 28th December.	G.F.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 18.
	Reg.	Dec. 18, 4.00 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Victoria Egypt and *Europe via Naples —due Naples, 9th January, 1938	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 18.
	Reg.	Dec. 18, 4.10 p.m.
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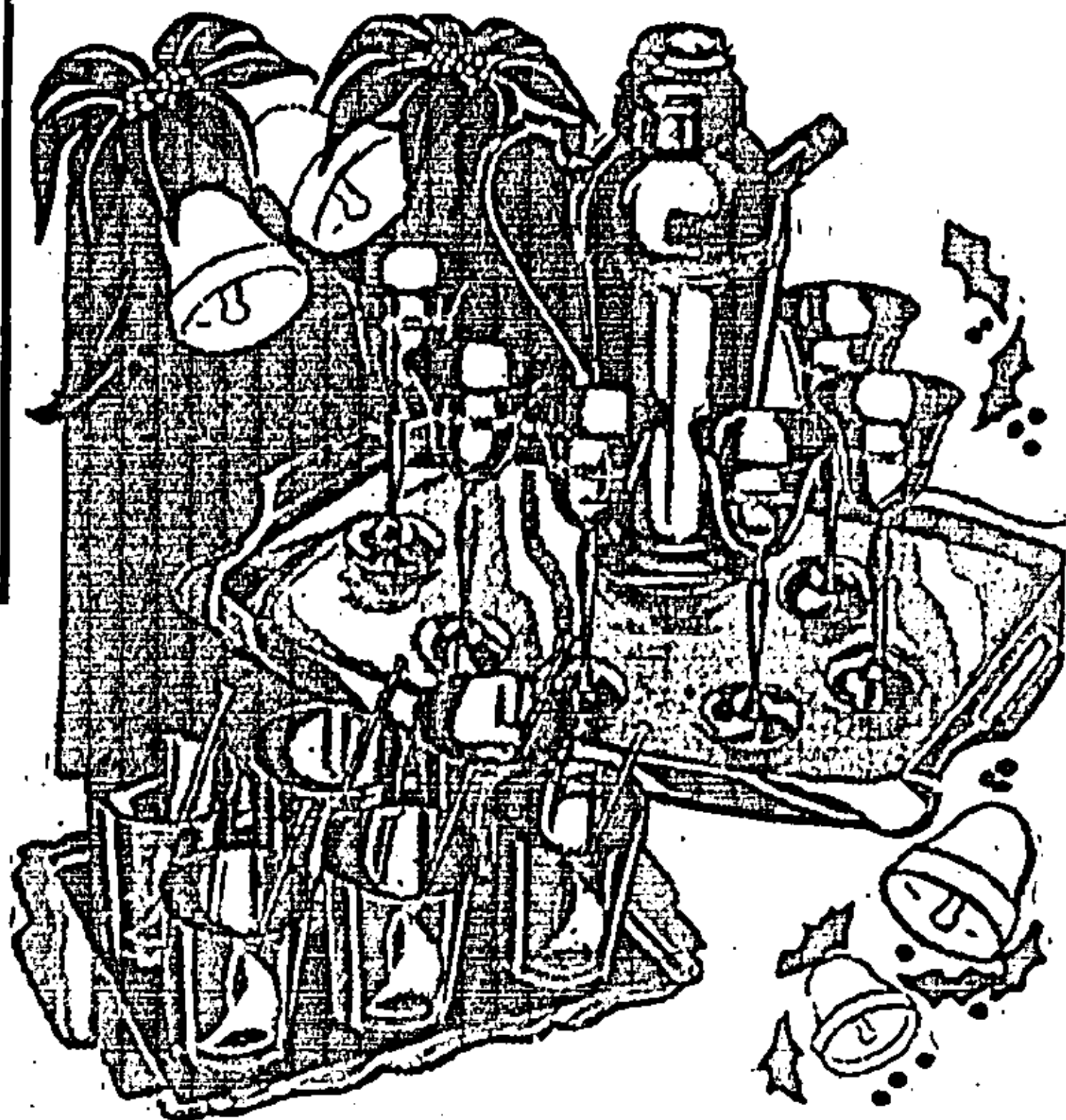
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DEMANDGunboats Should Have
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Washington, Dec. 13.
The Navy and State Department have commenced an inquiry into the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, Admiral William D. Leahy said: "We shall have a full report, probably to-day, for the Press."

Meanwhile Representative Hamilton Fish said: "This is one of the episodes that is bound to happen while we adhere to a policy of maintaining ten gunboats in Chinese waters. These boats should have been withdrawn years ago. In view of the fact that Japan controls the river from Shanghai to Nanking it is best that we get these boats out of the war zone regardless of whether the casualties are heavy, but we must remain cool and not lose our heads."

Representative Maury Maverick said: "We must adopt some policy immediately regarding the Oriental war—preferably strict neutrality. It occurs to me that we should learn, and it is about time, to mind our own business."

Senator Arthur Capper said: "It is a grave matter requiring a full and adequate explanation by those responsible. The gunboats should be withdrawn from the Yangtze, as soon as possible to avoid further complications. We do not want war either with China or Japan."

Senator Tom Connally demanded that "the State Department act promptly and demand full reparations and an apology from the Japanese if they were responsible."

NO PRECIPITATE ACTION

Washington, Dec. 13.
As soon as it is established that the Japanese were responsible for the sinking of Panay, the most timely worded note yet sent will be dispatched to Tokyo.

However, the way in which both the Government and Congress leaders have received the news makes it

RADIO BROADCAST

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8.15 p.m. 'Over the Hill Came Love.'
8.25 p.m. The Forum Theatre Orchestra.
8.55 p.m. The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI.
9.10 p.m. Military Band Music.
9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.
9.55 p.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.55 p.m.
10.15 p.m. Big Ben, 'Entertainment at St. George's—1937-1938.'
11.15 p.m. The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI.
11.30 p.m. Music for Royal Occasions.
11.45 p.m. Quarterly Technical Talk—1.
12 a.m. The News and Announcements.
12.15 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m.
12.20 a.m. Keyboard Music through the Ages—II; Modern Spanish Composers.
12.45 a.m. 'World Affairs.'
1.20 a.m. 'This is England' (Second Series).
1.35 a.m. The Willie Walker Octet.
2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
2.15 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.
2.20 a.m. The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI.
2.30 a.m. Music for Royal Occasions.
2.45 a.m. 'World Affairs.'
3.15 a.m. Jack Hull and his Music, with Alex Penney (Soprano).
3.30 a.m. Sea Shanties. The BBC Men's Chorus.
4 a.m. Snooker: H. Lindrum v. T. Newman.
4.20 a.m. The BBC Military Band.
4.45 a.m. Interval.
5 a.m. The News and Announcements.
5.15 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.15 a.m.
5.20 a.m. 'As I See It—7.'
5.40 a.m. 'Rhythm on the Roof.'
6.20 a.m. Musical Interlude.
6.25 a.m. Dance Music.
6.45 a.m. 'World Affairs.'

certain that there will be no precipitate action.

Instead of staying up and awaiting news, Mr. Cordell Hull went to bed last night determined to sleep on the incident before he and his advisers draft whatever protest is necessary.

The State Department is doing everything possible to make the public reaction as calm as possible. The Washington Herald reflects this determination and says, "America has no interests that can drag us into war because the East is in ferment and our essential policy is to avoid war. We are ill-equipped to wage war and at the same time protect the lives of Americans in the Far East."

It is felt here that had another Lusitania been involved instead of a gunboat, the national indignation would have been tempered by the realities of the situation.—Reuter.

RELATIONS STRAINED

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that as a result of the Panay incident the administration will not be satisfied with apologies and a number of Congressmen already believe that the United States should demand "full satisfaction."

One foreign diplomat said the attack might prove the "turning point" of the undeclared war and might provide "an excellent chance for concerted action by Britain and the United States to stop all hostilities in the Far East."

It is believed that copies of all official despatches regarding the Panay incident are being sent to the White House immediately.

Officials consider that the attack on the Panay is more serious owing to the fact that Admiral Yarnell had repeatedly officially notified the Japanese naval and military authorities of the presence of gunboats on the Yangtze and the purpose of their mission besides their movements.—United Press.

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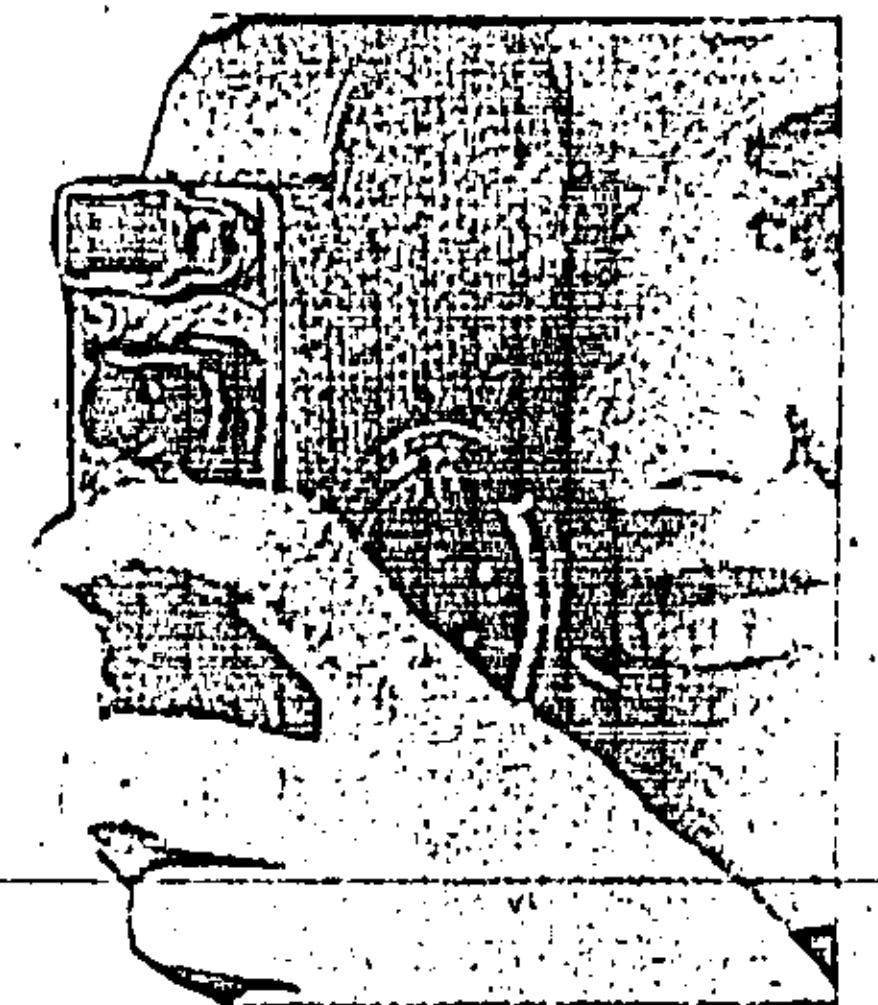
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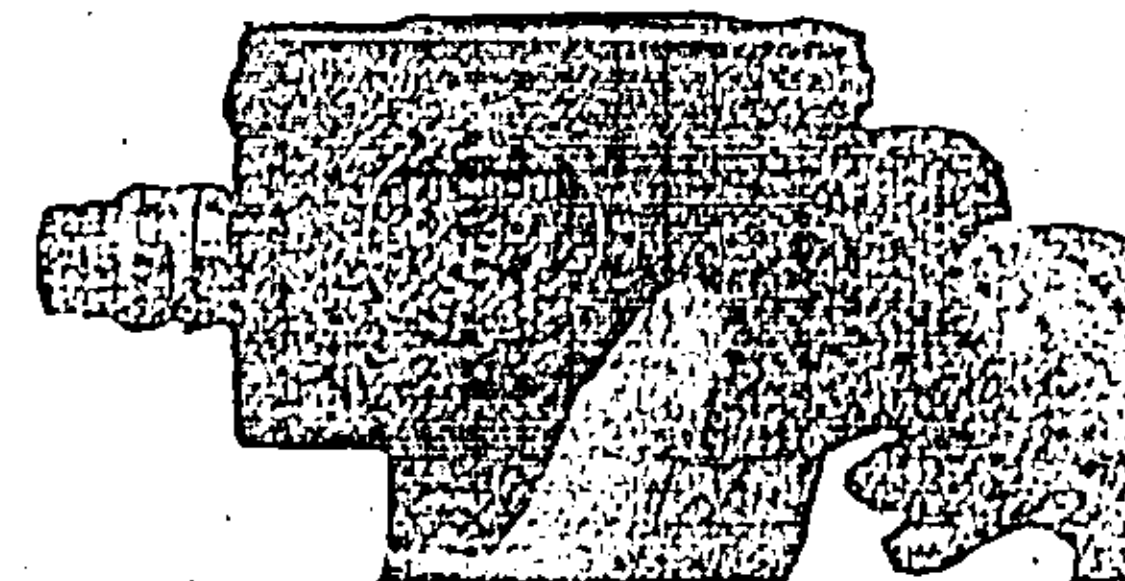
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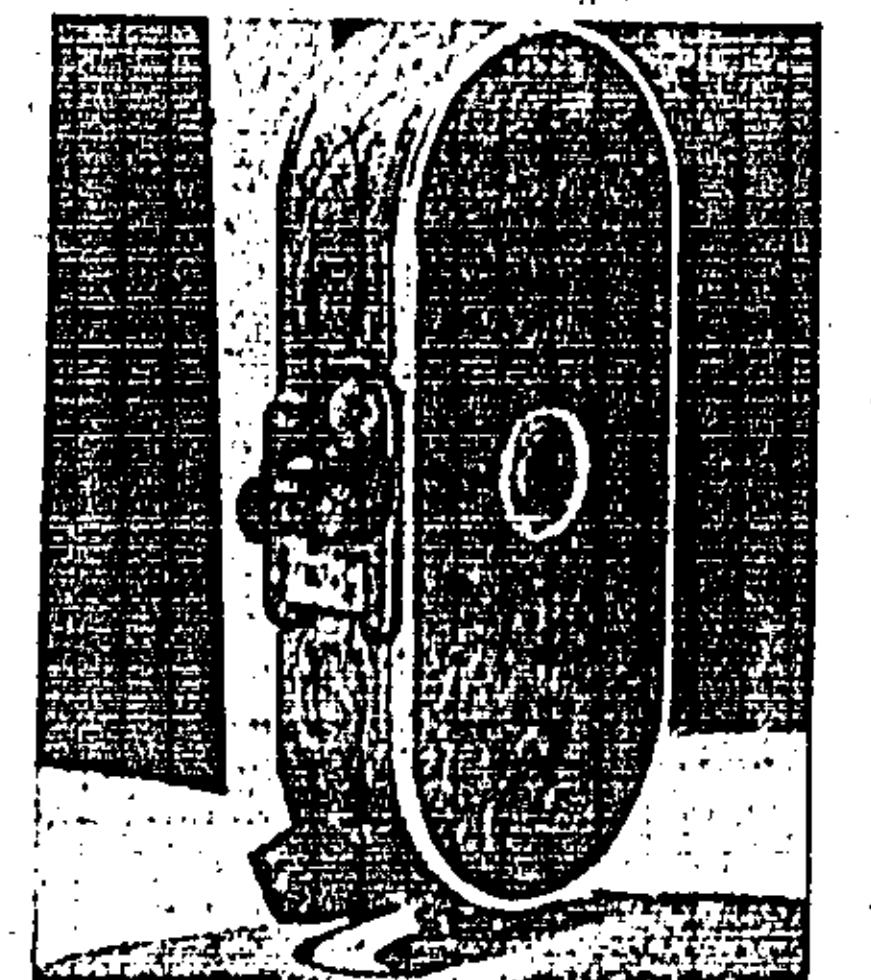
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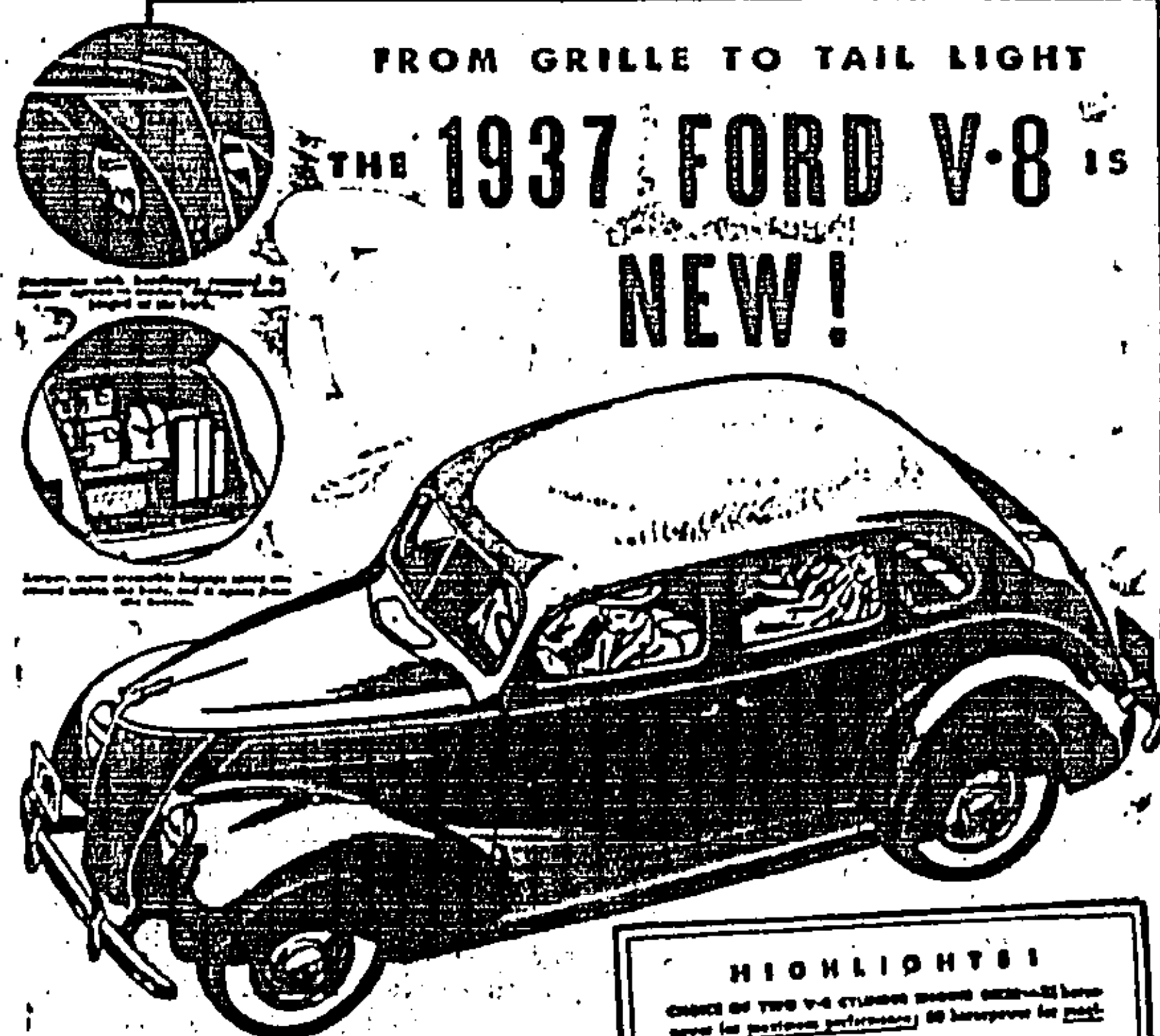
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1937.

DANGEROUS INCIDENTS

It seems that Japanese sailors landed at Blackhead Point on Saturday night. The Hongkong Government has sent to London a report on the matter, and in due course there will probably come from the British Government a fitting protest for this breach. While undue importance must not be attached to the episode, as it is very likely that the Japanese were not aware that they were invading neutral territory, it must be pointed out that more caution would be advisable on the part of naval landing parties in the Hongkong area. An extremely delicate situation might very easily be created by such mistakes, particularly if an armed party came into collision with a British police or military patrol. The status of the Japanese under such circumstances would be somewhat dubious. It must be presumed that they would be arrested; and it is entirely likely that they would deeply resent any such action by the British authorities. One cannot help feeling that although Hongkong people will not experience any tremendous indignation at this incident, the Japanese themselves would understand a storm of protest and complaint. If British seamen were to land on Formosa their presence would undeniably create the gravest of complications. When it is remembered with what jealousy Japan guards her territory and the adjacent waters, particularly those areas in the vicinity of fortifications, it would not be misunderstood if an apology and explanation were proffered even before the inevitable protest is delivered.

In connection with the attacks on British vessels in the Yangtze River, in one instance at least the action of the gunners was "a mistake." They have not indicated whether the aircraft which three times attacked two gunboats were aware that their targets were British men-of-war, but it seems incredible that the airmen should have been ignorant of the fact. Explanations of all these incidents will be made in due course, but in the meantime British lives are in danger and the question of what steps should be taken to remedy the situation presses for an answer. The British Navy's response to future attacks by aircraft will be immediate. The ships will open fire. Perhaps if one of the attackers is put out of action by British gunners it will have the effect of making Japanese airmen more cautious. No repetition of the Panay tragedy is required to bring home to all parties the terrible danger to which neutrals are exposed in the Yangtze and the possibility of international repercussions.

Miss Shirley Temple earns 20 times as much as Mr. Eden...

I HAD a sinking feeling when I opened the mail recently and saw a bunch of Shirley Temple pictures airmailed from the coast.

Suddenly a thing was made clear to me and I could see a vista down the years. Shirley Temple as a baby in "little miss marker."

Shirley Temple as a little girl in "Stowaway."

Shirley Temple as a BIT BIGGER girl in "Wee Willie Winkie."

SHIRLEY TEMPLE AS A SCHOOLGIRL IN "REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM."

SHIRLEY TEMPLE IS PLAYING INGENUE LEAD IN SOME JANET GAYNOR OPUS IN 1940.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE RE-VIVING KNOCKABOUT MATRIMONY (Myrna Loy style) IN 1945....

There's no end to it. I have a feeling I shall fetch up in some television cinema, when I am very old, to find Shirley Temple, looking like Beryl Mercer, playing "Over the Hill" and going to the workhouse with a better grace than any workhouse was ever gone to before.

It is simply this question of manners that scares me. I find I leave this young woman's films feeling like a tramp, feeling I haven't any crease to my trousers, feeling that I beat my wife. And I have stopped beating my wife.

THE manners of this child are so good I haven't a doubt they are going to have a huge effect on the next generation.

We shall look around us in 1950 and find a world, not peopled by roving hordes of bandits,



as Mr. Wells believes, but by a pacific and exalted collection of peoples all practising an exaggerated form of Oriental courtesy and looking on the bright side of things.

And little Shirley Temple will be queen-empress of the lot.

Never once on the screen have I seen this plump young woman asked to do anything that merited a hairbrush or a harsh word. Nor, it seems, is it any different in her off-duty moments.

Let us consult Mr. Trevor Wignall, who is a middle-aged bachelor, a Celt and sentimental. What sort of a kid did you find her, when you saw her in Hollywood?

The naturalist kind of a kid, says Trevor. She treated me just as any kid would treat an elderly bachelor. Held my hand, climbed all over me, gave me a kiss, took me out to see the rabbits and didn't seem to have the slightest idea that she is world-famous. If she has any such idea, she's the greatest

actress the world has ever known.

You see? It's baffling. I am having my manners dictated to me. I am forced to sit by and watch a new generation growing up with manners ready made for them by a kid who climbs all over Trevor Wignall, shows him her rabbits and doesn't know she's famous.

THE question of conduct is made more sharply provocative by the delightful decline in adult manners on the screen of recent years.

Even Mr. Colman is willing these days to admit the possibility that he might be a cad. I saw a new picture of his on Tuesday afternoon in which he had, to say to Madeleine Carroll these magnificent words:—

"Don't look now, or I may forget that I am supposed to be a king!"

I think there's a nice homey touch about that. And I like, too, to see pictures where Mr. Frederic March is clipping Carole Lombard on the jaw, or Myrna Loy turns heel over tilted nose with a lot of Christ-mas parcels.

Pictures like that make me feel my manners aren't so bad after all. But Shirley Temple pictures make me feel low.

MASTER Freddie Bartholomew makes me feel low, too. And lower still, with the suspicion that this Shirley Temple thing may not be a phenomenon, but a conspiracy.

Master Bartholomew now earns £19,000 a year. And I was reading yesterday how he was at a party and saw that brilliant London actor, Miles Mander, sitting around. So Mr.

Bartholomew goes up to Mr. Mander and puts his hand on his shoulder and says, "Working, old man?"

I have the same worry on my mind that John Knox had when he wrote about his monstrous regiment of women. I have a feeling that I am being marched on by battalions of child prodigies.

It is clear that there is an uneasiness abroad about the whole thing. A few months ago a London news editor instructed his New York correspondent to investigate a credible rumour that Shirley Temple is really a dwarf, aged forty-five.

And last week I was reading a silly but most serious article in a weekly by a writer who is convinced that the child is nothing but a miniature Mao West.

Both these I regard as signs of a fear complex among the adult classes; as desperate, involuntary rearward actions against the onslaught of the children.

I have a friend called Mr. Budgeon who works in the City, and every time he sees me he says, "Can you tell me why Shirley Temple earns ten times as much as Anthony Eden?" As though I was responsible.

I always have to buy him a drink and explain that Shirley Temple earns TWENTY times as much as Anthony Eden because more than twenty times as many people want to see her, and that whereas Mr. Eden's job is very difficult and he makes some mistakes, Miss Temple's is comparatively simple, and she makes none. He is still suspicious. But while I sympathise with his alarm, my greater concern is with the millions of children throughout the world who all want to be like Shirley Temple, mum. Anything may happen to them.

Last term, my son (rising nine) came home from boarding school with a good report. I was scared; the enemy was closing in on me. I counter-attacked.

"Do you like Shirley Temple?" I asked him, very casually. "No; she's too fat. I prefer Ginger Rogers," said my son. Thank heaven for that.

**Paul
 Holt**

This Chart Shows the Dangerous Marriage

THREE new Divorce Court judges are to be appointed to deal with divorces resulting from the A. P. Herbert Marriage Act, which comes into force on January 1.

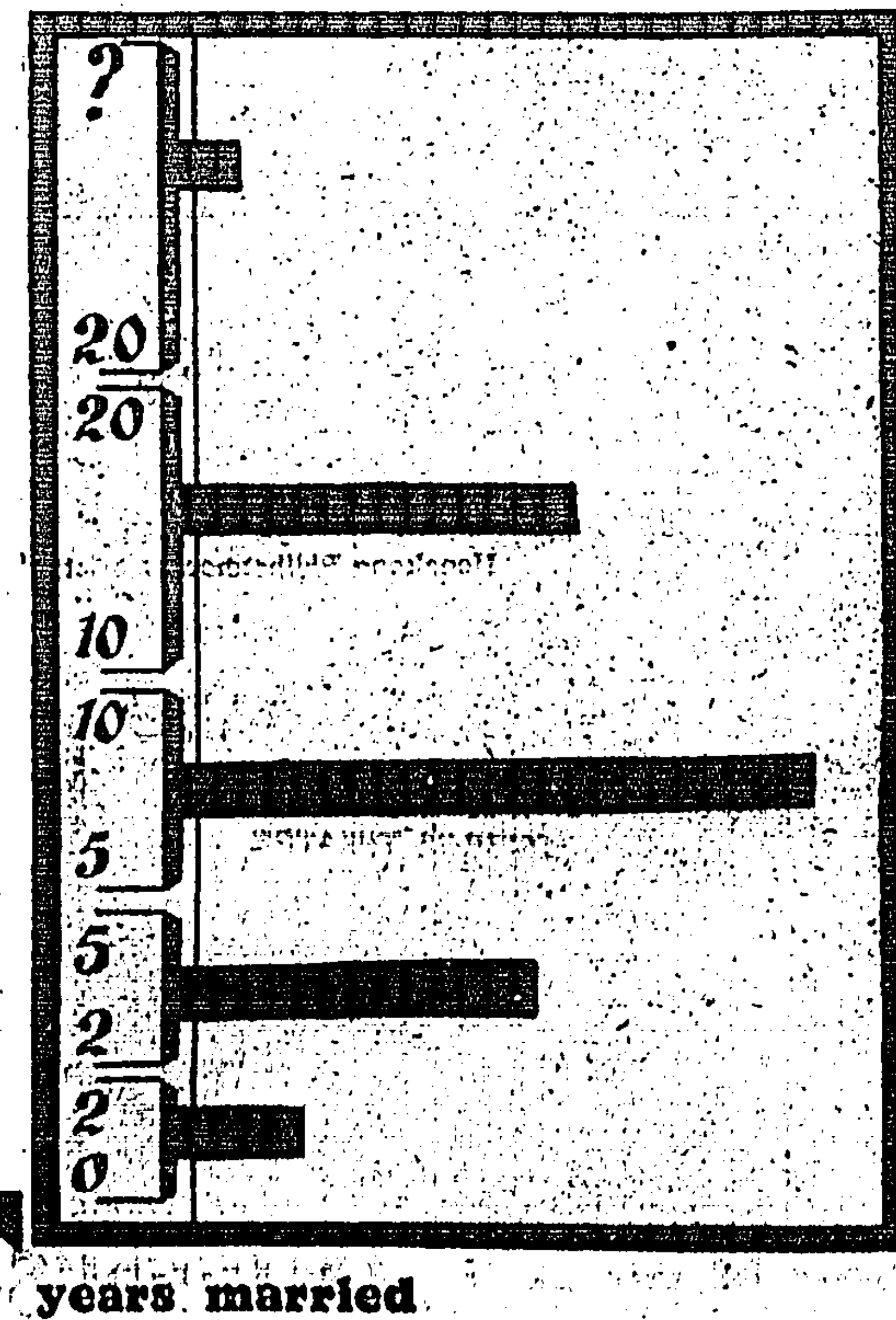
Divorce arrears have been piling up for some time. There are 2,000 cases to be heard at the Law Courts this term.

In England and Wales we have more than 5,000 marriages dissolved a year—as compared with 350,000 marriages. So you see that as things stand the chance that your marriage will end in failure is about 1.4 per cent.

This chart shows which are the danger years for married couples.

Of the dissolutions—
 1 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted less than two years.
 11 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted between two and five years.
 33 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted between five and ten years.
 41 per cent. take place after (Continued on Page 4.)

give rise to the suspicion that while the official intentions of the Japanese are above question, the actions of certain officers are dubious to say the least. The recklessness of individuals, if it is not downright and deliberate hostility, has already caused incidents which might very easily be interpreted as acts of war.



COLONY LEARNS PRECAUTIONS FOR WAR RAIDS

LECTURER TELLS ABOUT INCENDIARY BOMBS AND HOW TO FIGHT THEM

The second of the course of public lectures on Air Raid Precautions was given before a capacity audience at the China Fleet Club Theatre yesterday by Mr. J. C. FitzHenry, M.I. Fire E., Superintendent of the Fire Brigade.

The speaker dealt with the types and effects of incendiary bombs and how to minimise them, explaining the functions of Government and Anti-fire squads in war-time conditions.

The speaker said: Last week you heard an introductory lecture on air-raid precautions. The purpose of this lecture is to consider the increase in fire risk likely to be caused by the dropping of incendiary bombs from aircraft and the questions involved in meeting this risk. For easy reference I propose to classify my lecture into several parts.

1.—Incendiary bombs with brief reference to type and construction.

2.—The effects of incendiary bombs falling on or into premises and methods of dealing with them.

3.—Fire precautions and formation of auxiliary fire units in business and industrial undertakings.

4.—Functions of the Government Fire Brigade under air-raid conditions.

Outline of precautions recommended to be taken by householders.

The speaker demonstrated by means of a sketch the 60-lb. type and also showed the 2-lb. type.

CREATING PANIC

Incendiary bombs which are likely to be dropped from aircraft may vary in weight from two to sixty pounds, but it is more likely that the lighter type of bomb would be dropped as this would enable aircraft to carry sufficient bombs to start many fires in widely separated localities with a view to disorganising the passive defence arrangements and creating general panic among the populace.

Panic of this description needs little explanation from me as you are aware it would be caused by the congested parts of Hongkong and Kowloon.

A large variety of materials has been considered as constituents of incendiary bombs, some being preferred to others for the high degree of heat intensity and the ease with which they are ignited.

The most likely constituents to be encountered would be oil, magnesium, phosphorus, carbon disulphide, thermite and thermolloy owing to their cheapness over other materials and the fact that they are safer to manufacture.

It is possible that sodium, potassium, calcium and the cerium alloys might also be used, but as the first two are very difficult to handle, it is improbable that they would be used as the main constituent.

Calcium which burns with great intensity is similar in action to magnesium but is more costly. The same applies to the cerium alloys which also are rare to obtain in quantity.

THERMITE PREFERRED

Aircraft, designed to carry a limited weight, would obviously carry the lighter incendiary materials with the best heat and burning capacities. A further consideration, of course, is the matter of bulk. This may rule out the use of oil as oil is heavy and would take up a large space in the aircraft and can be subdued by chemical fire extinguishers.

Magnesium, once alight, burns with a great degree of intensity in oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide and the burning metal runs, the flame being very bright and somewhat terrifying to persons in the near vicinity.

Thermite is considered to be the most-used constituent in an incendiary bomb. It is a mixture of metallic aluminium powder and iron oxide and burns at a temperature of up to 3,000 degrees centigrade. It is ignited by a fuse on impact. The fuse usually consists of a ribbon of magnesium terminating in a ball of barium peroxide in contact with the mixture.

Thermite used without admixture with other incendiary material burns quickly and cannot be extinguished by orthodox means, water, chemicals or sand, owing to the presence of oxygen in the iron-oxide. The magnesium casing is ignited by the thermite, and to stay the spread of fire it is necessary to exclude, as far as possible, the surrounding air.

Water, as a means of extinguishing the burning magnesium would be useless and would possibly cause the spreading of fire.

MULTIPLE BOMB

Thermolloy, which contains sulphur, and burns more readily than thermite is difficult to approach because of the sulphur-dioxide fumes given off. You would probably require a gas mask.

Phosphorus and carbon-disulphide when used as an incendiary compound also give off objectionable fumes and the former is particularly to be feared owing to the difficulty in extinguishing phosphorus in its dry state. Many of the unused yellow phosphorus bombs, were responsible for mysterious fires.

Another type of bomb, having generally the same constituents as the smaller ones, known as the multiple bomb which, exploding on impact, scatters portions of the bomb and further explosions distribute the burning material over a fairly large area.

This diagram shows a German type of scatter bomb said to contain 40 incendiary units which, when the

bomb strikes the projectile, are sent over a wide area. An advantage of this bomb is said to be that owing to its weight it can be dropped more accurately and has a greater penetrative power. In the event of a bomb striking its objective in an irregular manner that is, not directly, it is likely that it would not explode.

I trust you have gathered the right impression of these bombs by my brief reference to them and possibly visualise the difficulties which would beset the community if they were dropped in large numbers in the city districts of Hongkong and Kowloon.

EFFECTS OF BOMBS

I now pass to the effects on their objectives, namely buildings of all types, oil installations, gas and electric light undertakings and the like.

The degree of penetration of an incendiary bomb naturally depends on certain conditions, such as, the height from which it is dropped, its construction and weight, the resistance and stability of the surface on which it drops. It is considered that a small incendiary bomb would penetrate an ordinary type of roof, such as, the tile and timber roofs of many domestic and godown buildings of Hongkong and ignite on the floor of the top storey.

Reinforced concrete roofs of about five inches in thickness would probably prevent penetration by the small type of bomb and in the case of heavier bombs would diminish their penetrative power.

We now come to the question of dealing with incendiary bombs which have penetrated buildings and here, I may mention, the human element may either succeed or fail, success depending on the coolness and level-headedness of the persons on the scene.

WHAT TO DO

On the sounding of an air raid warning, occupiers of buildings, particularly those with roofs of little stability should take the following precautions:

(a) Denude the two upper floors of all inflammable material or goods of a combustible nature.

(b) Spread sand or dry earth liberally over the floors.

(c) Provide on the landing and other points of vantage, buckets of sand, with small scoops for throwing same.

(d) Provide long-handled shovels for placing sand on the burning material of the bomb, or to remove portions of it as is practicable.

(e) Provide dark glasses, similar to those worn by oxy-acetylene and electric welders, to effect the glare of the burning material.

(f) If flat pieces of metal sheet or corrugated iron are available, keep them at hand to throw over the burning substance or use them as shields to repel heat to facilitate approach to the burning material.

Having taken these precautions do not stand under or near weak portions of the structure, but keep at hand in positions affording some protection such as arches, beams, concrete roofs or ceilings.

EXTINGUISHING FIRE

If a bomb penetrates the premises, assemble all available persons to cover the burning material with sand or earth to minimise the burning effect and prevent it reaching other inflammable material; use long handled shovels to move fragments of the burning material to a safe place; do not use water or chemical fire extinguishers on the burning material of the bomb as this may cause an explosive effect, use sand scoops for throwing sand on portions of the bomb material.

If it is apparent that these efforts will not succeed, call the fire brigade immediately.

Water and chemical fire extinguishers may be used to extinguish fire which has been caused to the inflammable fittings, but it is very inadvisable to use them directly on the incendiary material of the bomb.

I will now touch generally on fire precautions and formation of anti-fire units in business and industrial undertakings. I am sure you will all agree that fire precautions, important in normal times, are rendered immensely more important when the risks of war come to be considered, for these call for special precautions which need not be considered in time of peace.

WAR TIME RISKS

Firstly, the risk of conflagrations occurring is greatly increased. The most serious aspect being, of course, the dropping of incendiary bombs. There may also be the risk of incendiary bombs by enemy agents and the risk of fires occurring from accidental cause is proportionately greater.

Secondly, a new factor is introduced by the possibility of numerous outbreaks of fire occurring in wide spread localities at the same time. This situation rarely occurs in peace time, but when it does, it absorbs all the existing peace-time appliances. Under air-raid conditions it may

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday, says: The market was neglected.

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well occur that all fire-fighting resources of the Government Fire Brigade may be in action at a number of fires and not immediately able to attend to all the calls received.

Thirdly, there is the additional danger of falling bombs crippling the normal use of heavy fire appliances from one place to another, or seriously delay assistance.

Fourthly, the damage to roads, caused by falling bombs may be such as to retard or prevent the movement of heavy fire appliances from one place to another, or seriously delay assistance.

REVIEW PRECAUTIONS NOW

For the reasons I have just quoted, it will be seen that it is incumbent upon all those responsible for business and industrial undertakings to review their fire precautions at close intervals of time, with the object of guarding against these risks, particularly in the matter of provision of suitable fire apparatus.

In Hongkong the fire brigade department makes an annual inspection of some 250 private fire hydrant services and submits a report to the interested parties on the defects found during the inspections. This report is in the nature of a safeguard under peace time conditions that expensive appliances, once provided, should be maintained in such condition that it can be used at any time. It may surprise many to know what amount of private fire apparatus exists in Hongkong. At the present time there are fire hydrant installations, factories, oil installations, dockyards, railway stations, emporiums, theatres, hotels and many other types of large buildings. When one considers the following figures I think one will agree that the colony, under peace time conditions, is well provided with anti-fire equipment. More than 1,600 private fire hydrants; 60 augmentor pressure pumps, being installed in most high buildings to boost up the pressure; over 28 miles of fire hose; 4,000 chemical fire extinguishers.

All fittings are standardized to enable the fire brigade to use the private services and vice versa.

FIRE POSTS' DUTY

With these advantages in the matter of possession of good apparatus and with the organization, most of the premises, where these appliances are installed may be regarded as miniature fire stations, or fire posts, which, if manned by men of some training would be valuable, not only for the protection of the particular premises, but to their less fortunate neighbours.

The immediate measures to be taken should be the full overhaul of the fire precautions already in force with these war risks especially in view, with the following objects:

1.—Reducing the fire-risk by cutting down to a minimum the amount of inflammable material which might be readily ignited by bombs, special attention being paid to spaces under roofs and lofts having roofs of doubtful stability.

2.—Organising regular fire drills with the staff, such drills being conducted by a person of some experience.

3.—Detailed inspections of the fire fighting arrangements and the fire fighting appliances provided and adding to and improving them to meet the increased risks.

DRILLING EMPLOYEES

4.—Formation of and training fire parties with regular fire drills. By this I mean systematic training in keeping the employees familiar with their particular duties and the places where fire may be expected to be most serious. The greatest importance should be paid to the matter of giving facilities for the apparatus should be handled and used in the event of actual fire conditions. It will be found that by regular training and drills the staff will rapidly become confident and experienced in their duties.

5.—Providing, wherever possible, supplementary water supplies in tanks, buckets or any convenient receptacle.

6.—Providing appliances to enable fire parties to remove incendiary bombs from points where there is inflammable material, and sand, and means of applying it, to hold the bomb in check. Again, it must be remembered that water must not be used directly on the bomb.

Emergency measures for reducing fire risk are mainly a matter of intensifying the precautions which should exist at normal times. Many fires are caused by unnecessary accumulation of rubbish, improper storage of materials which are subject to spontaneous combustion; bad electrical wiring and fittings; overheating of badly designed stoves; overworked engine bearings; smoking; smoking is prohibited; throwing cigarette ends and glowing matches indiscriminately in to the regard of the proximity of inflammable material.

URGENT NECESSITY

In time of war, there is special need for vigilance, and in addition, for specific measures to minimise the risk of incendiary bombs falling among inflammable materials and setting the premises alight. Wherever there is inflammable material which

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO RECIPROCITY

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—It is interesting, if nothing else, to read in an edition of The Hongkong Telegraph in regard to the stranding of the President Hoover on Holskote Island off Formosa, that:

Operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the Hoover is stranded, and the Takook Tug was unable to set out on Saturday as planned. A Japanese salvage ship, the Yusho Maru, left Hongkong last night, carrying salvage equipment. Mr. T. B. Wilson, local Agent of the Dollar Line, and Mr. T. Brayfield, Marine Surveyor.

The Asama Maru was there here off Junk Bay in the September typhoon and the Japanese salvage ship, presumably the Yusho Maru referred to above, came down from Japan to attend the salvaging of her.

Why don't we say operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the Asama Maru is stranded? Particularly, if my information is correct, as there are gun emplacements all round the neighbourhood of the spot where the Asama Maru is stranded.

FAIR DO-ES.

can be reached by an incendiary bomb there is potential risk; wherever there is none, a bomb may generally be allowed to burn harmlessly. Any measure, which can be adopted to remove inflammable material to a reasonably safe place is one of the prime considerations.

The organization of fire precautions for all members of the staff is an ordinary precaution, which becomes of distinct importance as a safeguard against war fire risks. The setting up of a complete organization of fire extinguishing apparatus, becomes an urgent necessity. Those chosen to form fire parties should be steady, reliable, possessed of common sense and able to direct males and females in an emergency. It is not only essential to organise fire parties but to train them in the use of the appliances they may have to use under air raid conditions. In the case of premises where there is a resident staff it should be a simple matter to organise the staff into fire parties to cover the whole premises. Where shift systems are worked it would be necessary to have a separate fire party in each shift, but working on the same lines in the protection of the premises.

The size and number of the fire parties would naturally depend on a number of circumstances: area the premises cover, the height and number of floors; type of construction of the building; nature of the materials to be handled stored; available means for dealing with fire.

MODE OF PROCEDURE

The fire parties should consist of as many able-bodied persons as can be mustered under the charge of a responsible person. I will give a brief outline of their duties as I visualize what they should be on the outbreak of a fire.

Each party proceed to its allotted stations, say, two to three persons to one fire hydrant point; remove the hose from the box in which it is normally contained and lay it out on the floor immediately adjacent to the hydrant and make the necessary connections. If fire pumps are provided, station one man, preferably with electrical experience, to actuate the pump on receiving the signal; test the valve to note that it is working freely and ready for use.

See that a liberal supply of sand is distributed over floors near the roof and that further supplies are at hand in receptacles; see that water receptacles and chemical fire extinguishers are at hand to deal with fire on the inflammable fittings of the premises; see that the special hose which is recommended to be supplied, is actually on the spot ready for use; see that a messenger is at hand to report to the responsible person that fire has broken out, with a brief description of same; await developments by keeping in a safe place, such as under arches, concrete beams, etc; if a fire gains headway or means will fail, call the fire brigade, but, at the same time, realise that they may be engaged elsewhere, therefore the efforts must not be relaxed.

ASSISTANCE OFFERED

It is not the purpose of this lecture to lay down any hard and fast rule to cover any particular type of risk, but I hope that interested persons will get out details of what can be done in the matter of their own premises and forward proposed schemes for fire protection and the formation of fire units, when I will be pleased to advise or assist them on any unforeseen matter. I would again emphasize that the fire apparatus installed in premises should, if the occasion demands, be used on adjoining property, if involved by fire.

Before passing to the next part of the lecture I would draw your attention to the fact that leaflets which you already have, show a list of essential articles of fire parts should possess if any success is to be achieved, but the particular point I would draw your attention to is the great advantage, that having formed your fire parties, inform the fire brigade to check collaboration between the responsible persons of fire parties and the responsible officers of the fire brigade so that, in an emergency, each "fire post" may become an integral unit of the whole scheme of fire protection.

Here I have a hand pump which will be suitable for the anti-fire post.

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RADIO BROADCAST

Eva Turner and L. Lafford

From the Studio

NURA KANIS

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.). H.K.T.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Vivian Ellis (Piano). Let Me Play (Vivian Ellis) (In which the Composer introduces some of his best known tunes); 'On The Avenue'—Piano Medley (Berlin).

12.40 Cinema Organ. Serenade (Meyer); The Whistler And His Dog (Fryer); Robinson Cleaver; Popular Melodies—No. 3....Harold Ramsay.

1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 New Mayfair Orchestra. Tunes Of Not-So-Long-Ago—1921-22. Popular Songs; Medley of Well Known Dance Tunes; 'The Millionaire Kid'—Selection (Mayer).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements. 1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Major H. B. Reed. Subject: 'What I have seen and what I have not seen in the New Territories of Hongkong.'

2.15 The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony. Played by the Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Major George Miller (With words of Command)

Rule Britannia The British Grenadiers God Save The King. 2.30 Close Down. 4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme. 7.00 Selections from Grand Opera. 'Tannhauser'—Overture (Wagner) 'Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates; 'Aida'—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida (Verdi); 'La Boheme'—Your tiny hand is frozen.... Jussi Bjurling (Ten); 'Der Rosenkavalier' (Richard Strauss); Waltz movements from Act 3....The Berlin State Opera Orchestra, Conductor: Alois Melchior.

7.30 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market. 7.35 Studio—Eva Turner (Soprano) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. Spring (Handel); 2. The Chestnut Tree; 3. Dedication (Schumann) Piano Interlude; 4. Sweet chance that led my steps (Michael Head); 5. Sweet Suffolk Owl (Elizabeth Poston); 6. The Lover's Maze; 7. Rest sweet Nymphs (Peter Warlock).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Studio—Nura Kanis (Piano) playing Schumann's 'Carnaval'. 8.25 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Deutschmeister Regimental March (Jurek); Spring's Delight—March—Intermezzo (Albott); Mighty Lak' A Rose; The Roosters (Novini); Salut D'Amour (Elgar); I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolph); Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr); Love's Old Sweet Song (Molloy); Polpourri Of Waltzes, No. 3 (Robrecht).

9.10 London Relay—The Birthday Of His Majesty King George VI. Salute of guns to the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.

9.10 London Relay—Military Band Music. 9.50 Dance Records. Fox-Trots—On Your Toes; There's A Small Hotel (Hill 'On Your Toes'); Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Tango—Punto Arenas (Codevilla); San Fernando (Codevilla)...Heinz Aspert and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Need You; Novelty Fox-Trot—Dancing Moth; Joy Wilbur and His Band; Quick-Step—I Want Lying When I Said 'I Love You'; Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In The Moon; Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

10.10 London Relay—Entertainment At St. George's 1867-1937. The story of a London hall of entertainment through seven years, written by Leslie Bally; produced by Charles Brewer and broadcast in the seventieth anniversary year of the opening of St. George's Hall, originally the London Academy of Music, subsequently the home of German Reed Entertainments, and of Maskelyne and Devant's Mystery, and to-day the headquarters of the B.B.C. Variety Department. The programme composed by Jasper Maskelyne and John Watt.

11.15 Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra. 8 a.m. The Cheshire Cheese. 8.15 a.m. Round and About. 8.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m. 9 a.m. Big Ben. Big Bill Campbell and his Bill-Billy Band. 10 a.m. Big Ben. 'Made in African Life' (Italian Pianist). 10.30 a.m. The Goddess Fortune. 11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m. 11.30 a.m. Phil French, at the BBC Theatre.

4.15 p.m. Big Ben. 'Palace of Varieties'. 4.35 p.m. Recital by Harold Lobb (Austrian Pianist). 5.35 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m. 6.15 p.m. 'Early Exchange'. 6.30 p.m. Scottish Song. 6.45 p.m. Big Ben. 'Splices and Goblins'. 7.15 p.m. The News and Announcements. 7.45 p.m. Reginald Porter-Drew at the Organ of the Forum Cinema, Southampton.

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Cricket Notes

Kowloon C.C. Surprised By I.R.C.

A REVIEW OF JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES

(By "R. Abbit")

When in last Friday's article I referred to the recent improvement of the I.R.C. second eleven and warned Kowloon not to be too confident, I confess I did not think that the odds against a Kowloon defeat were less than ten to one. But in the game last Saturday at the K.C.C. the home side were definitely and decidedly beaten by what was a far better side, and as before, I. Ali had a very large share in the victory of his team.

I myself cannot call to mind that he has played any League cricket before this season—but he has obviously been well taught to play the game somewhere. His batting is definitely stylish, and if it is a bit slow, this is a fault he will mend later. I have no doubt. The only thing I don't quite like is a defensive back shot which, though giving the effect of a straight bat with the left elbow up, actually is played with a flourish or twist of the wrists which causes the ball to travel across the line of the ball from off to leg in a sort of pendulum motion.

K.C.C.'s POOR SHOW

The home side have little excuse, as they won the toss and had first use of a wicket which was a very good one as far as could be seen. The opening pair, Dand and Mulvaney made quite a fair start putting up 29 for the first wicket. But thereafter McKenzie alone played a decent knock though Hall and Gray got double figures and made it possible for the side to send up the hundred. The strength of the Kowloon batting was, on paper, undoubted but they seem to have struck the same patch in the first eleven bats are stuck! Baxter, who is a very useful bat, is out of form at present, and he and the two Broadbent only managed seven runs between them. Three other batsmen only collected eight and the result was not good!

When the Indians started their innings it looked for a short time as if they might lose the game after all as they opened slowly. Several leg balls which should have gone for four were either missed or put away for one, and they paid great respect to the not very dangerous looking deliveries of Luke and McKenzie. The latter was over-pitching them a good deal on the off and a hard-hitting batsman would have punished him heavily. I fancy, however, he got in one good length ball and Rumball played outside it and was bowled. This was just after Barma had entirely mistimed a simple off ball from Luke and presented mid-off with the simplest of catches. Two were down for ten and a Kowloon win seemed possible if they could prevent Ali from setting down.

A LONG STAND

This, however, they could not do and he and M. I. Razack settled down.

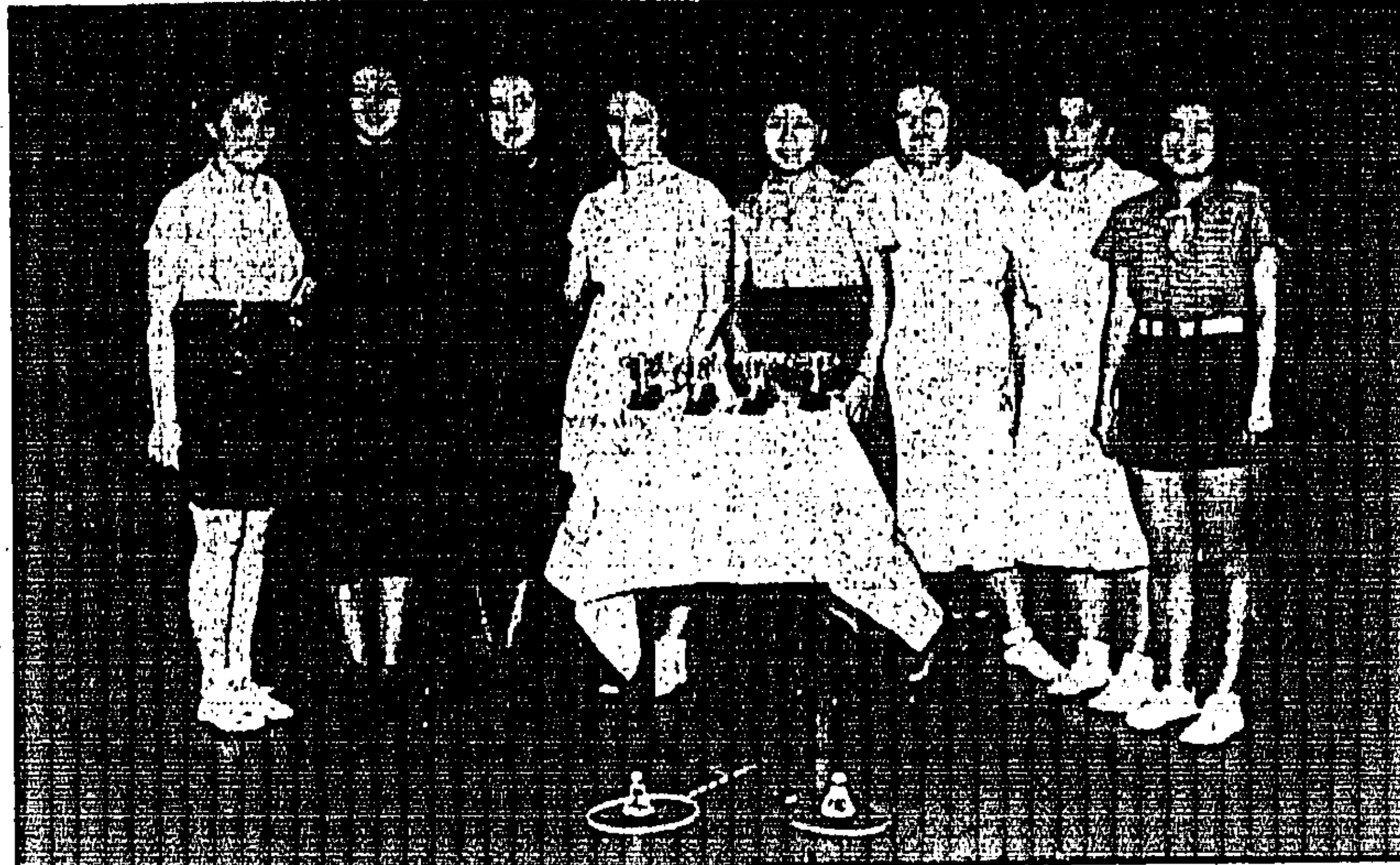
The scoring was very slow for a long time and Ali was the slower of the two, but they were not exactly behind the clock and the rate of scoring increased as time went on. Just before the hundred was hoisted Luke bowled Razack whose 53 had been a great factor in winning the match. The rest of the runs were speedily knocked off and Ali completed his half-century, being 55 not out at the close of play. As he had taken 5 wickets for 39 he can look back on a very good afternoon's work. Rumball too bowled very well as he sent down 17 overs unchanged (five maidens) taking 4 wickets for 44 runs. This I.R.C. win was their second League victory. I suspect, however, in spite of their great improvement that they depend for runs very largely on two or three men.

A TINY SCORE

Once more the Civil Service second eleven bowlers did their stuff. On Saturday last and Rectero were all out for 84. MacGowan had a field day as his figures were 10—4—20—0—in excellent bit of work. Booker had two for nine but Haynes's two were more expensive. When, however, the C. S. came to take the bat (as they used to say in the old days) they performed even worse than usual and a total of 13 must, I think, be very nearly a record for a League game. I seem to recall many years ago (no, it was not the Civil Service) some side was out for eleven runs but I think it was a friendly and anyway I can't remember who it was. (In January, 1935, University 1st XI were dismissed for 12 runs by the I.R.C. in a League match at Pokfulam. Frank Perella took all ten wickets for five runs! Sports Ed.) But good as Alves's figures were they are certainly not a record as 6—2—0 is nothing like as good as 6—5—0 which were B. Reed's figures against the University in a first League game a long time ago. I mentioned these about a month ago.

NAVY WIN AGAIN

The Navy second eleven are doing themselves very well this year and are on top of the Junior League table at present. They are a most cheery side and have several very useful cricketers. The League is in a very open position, and several sides have a chance. I see, however, that the Navy have no less than five League games down for decision on



Winners of the Ladies' Badminton Tournament at the Club de Recreio.—Photo by King's E. S.

BADMINTON LEAGUE TIES

University "B" Success

Only two matches were played in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last evening.

After three defeats, University "B" won their first League points by beating Rectero "B" at King's Park by six games to three. The tie was fixed to be played at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium, but was played at the Rectero on the request of the undergraduates.

As expected, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat St. Andrew's, conceding one game.

LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
University "A"	3	3	0	0	25	2	6
Rectero "A"	3	3	0	0	23	4	6
Chinese "Y"	4	3	1	0	26	10	6
King's College "B"	3	2	0	1	10	17	2
University "B"	4	1	3	0	13	23	2
St. Andrew's	5	1	4	0	10	35	2
Rectero "B"	4	1	3	0	10	26	2

or after January 8 and I gather fleet movements may upset their side a bit. They could do with one more good 'stock' bowler anyway.

On Saturday last they were up against the not very strong Army "B" side (I have an idea Camp does not help some of the Army teams). And won very conclusively. The Army started well enough as Painter (23) and Smith (29) put up about 50 for the first wicket but after that except Patterson (28 not out) and Coombes (16) no one could do much, and the former carried his bat out. The score of 117 was not a very serious obstacle and the game happened this year, Waymouth and Fynn gave the Navy a useful start. With a certain amount of assistance from the others the latter proceeded to take most of the burden on his own shoulders and hit up an excellent seventy not out. The game was won by six wickets with plenty of time in hand. Just after the winning hit, D'Arcy Evans was smartly caught at the wicket.

CLUB ARRESTED BY POLICE

The progress of the H.K.C.C. in the Junior League was rudely arrested by the Police who won convincingly on the Club ground. It is, however, only fair to mention that the first eleven had taken off Swain and J. R. Way to fill up their all too depleted ranks. The Police with Hunter and W. Clarke as top scorers compiled the very large total of 124. Divett did best of the six batsmen, scored four for thirty-two. For the Club, King got 28 but the next five batsmen failed—as did three more later and Divett (15) and Bond (23) alone got double figures. The fact that these three men scored 63 out of the Club's total of 88 is a useful commentary on the general weakness of the batting. By the way I was rather surprised to see Stoker went in last. My recollection is that he has in the past played some hard slushing innings and is quite capable of knocking bowlers off their length. Or is this part of the Fawcett's Amnesia that is rapidly falling upon me? Anyway some such person would have been useful to the Club as Pope and Baker walked through most of them and Carey, tried at the last, got a couple of quick wickets. Pope is in great form this season and Baker seems to be coming back to form.

CIVIL SERVICE DEFEAT

SAPPERS

Owing to misunderstanding with the cricket representative of the R.E.'s, who was, I believe, out in camp, it was only at 12 o'clock on Saturday that their captain (Hodgkinson, I think) learned that a game had been arranged. He himself, I regret to hear, is laid up with a poisoned foot, but he very sportingly undertook to raise a team and he managed to collect ten men. The first three wickets went down rapidly and after Baker, who had bowled very well with the new ball, was taken off McEllan got a couple of quick wickets and five wickets were down for 10. However Tudor, Dawson and Bradford all managed to get some runs and showed greater par-

ST. JOSEPH'S HOLDS UP H.K. POLICE

Exciting Hockey Encounter

Playing their second match yesterday St. Joseph's College met and drew with the Police in a fast and exciting hockey encounter, each side scoring three goals.

K. Singh and A. Sequeira were the pick of forward line for the College, the former supplying many beautiful passes down the wing. Ramban, at centre forward, also shone, while the backs came to the fore with some good hitting.

A few minutes after the game commenced the police found the net through Narwant Singh, their outside-left, and ten minutes later they again scored from a short corner, the ball going to Narwant who netted once again with a nice drive. The third goal was scored by their centre-forward at the closing stages of the first half.

Beginning the second half with three goals down, the College boys opened strongly and took the ball to the Police area, forcing a short corner, which resulted in Ramban netting well. Soon after, K. Singh scored with a grand flick shot.

Spurred on by their success, the schoolboys made brilliant dashes down the field, tricking the Police players time and again to finally gain the equalising goal through Ramban.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held in the Board room of the South China Morning Post at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

Quality for the slower bowlers, Wood and Richardson, Bradford at the end hit well, and the score finally reached 122. I have not yet managed to discover the origin of the rumour that Hawkins bowled twice over to start with for the Civil Service. He did not go on at all.

The Civil Service batsmen however were far too good for the Sappers' bowling. Richardson indeed was not seeing what I have heard described as an almighty swipe. After his duck, however, Colledge and Perry sent up the hundred before the former was brilliantly thrown out by cover point. Perry retired at 50 and McEllan had a merry time, with Barrow getting the last batting practice at the other end.

The game may have been rather one sided but in these days of amazing cricket apathy it is most pleasant to record the thoroughly sporting effort of the Sappers who with half of their men in camp raised their team between 12 noon and 2 p.m. They made a very good fight of it too, for the Civil Service were at full strength with the exception of Griffiths whose hand is not quite fit yet.

LOW SCORING AT C.C.C.

I do not know what has happened to all the batting in the Colony but it is perfectly amazing what small scores are being recorded this season. At Craggover the first eleven, which seemed as fit as I could see to be at full strength, only managed 80 runs against the Club de Recreio. However, it was very nearly enough, for it was only a most useful 30 by E. L. Gossano and 10 not out by A. M. Rodrigues that enabled the visitors to bring their total to 83. They also seemed to be at full strength, possibly with one exception, and I have heard no explanation for it.

There is no space to deal with the other matches in this article but I must take this opportunity of expressing my regret—and I feel sure all cricketers will join me—at the untimely death of A. B. Dale. I believe he had played for the first Navy team on occasion but he was a regular member of the Navy second team. He was a very useful bowler and he will be greatly missed in the cricket field here.

THIRD ROUND OF F.A. CUP

Chelsea Omitted From Cable

In cabling the draw in the third round of the English F. A. Cup, Reuter has omitted Chelsea from the list.

Chelsea more than likely is among the first dozen teams. The draw, as cabled by Reuter, is as follows: Grimsby v. Swindon, Doncaster, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Liverpool, Brentford, Fulham, Everton, Derby, Stoke, Bury v. South Liverpool or Brighton.

Aldershot v. Notts County. Arsenal v. Bolton. Sunderland v. Watford. Swansea v. Wolves. Southampton v. Burnley. Tottenham v. Manchester C. Tranmere v. Blackburn. Bradford C. v. Portsmouth. Notts F. v. Chesterfield. Clapton O. v. Southampton.

Or York v. Coventry. West Brom. v. Newcastle. Manchester U. v. Yeovil & Petters. Leeds v. Chester. Charlton v. Cardiff or Bristol C.

Mansfield or Lincoln v. Leicester. Bradford v. Newport. Huddersfield v. Hull. Middlesbrough v. Stockport. Sheffield Wed. v. Burnley. Birmingham v. Blackpool. Crewe or

N. Brighton v. Plymouth. Norwich v. Aston Villa. Peter N. E. v. West Ham. Scarborough v. Luton.

London, Nov. 23. Drawn matches will not play in next summer's Australian test tour of England.

The first big move for brighter cricket was made this week when the Board of Control decided that if England or Australia lead by no more than one of the four-day tests when the final game is due at the Oval, that match will be played to a finish.

Previously it paid a side leading by two to one to play for a draw in the fourth test to prevent a decider in the final test. Here is the new rule compared with that in force in the 1934 series.

IN 1934 "If, after the fourth Test match, neither side has won two matches, or if the results are even, then the fifth Test match shall be played to a finish."

NOW "The last Test match will be played to a finish if, after the fourth Test the difference in matches won is not greater than one."

Commenting on the new regulation, a prominent M.C.C. official said: "The change will prevent a repetition of the happenings in 1935, when South Africa won the second test at Lord's and concentrated on drawing the next two."

NEW ZEALAND TOUR PROFIT Profits from last season's Test matches against New Zealand and the Test trial match resulted in a distributable surplus of £2,800. Each first class county will receive approximately £30 and £10 17s. will go to each minor county. Incidentally, arrangements have been made for the Oxford and Cambridge match next season to begin on a Saturday. The change is to be regarded as an experiment, as a test at Lord's in the event of rain Sunday, with a possibility of rain once the game has been begun, has never been considered quite fair. The dates fixed for next year's match are July 2, 4 and 5.

CEYLONESE CRICKET TEAM FOR MALAYA FAMOUS PLAYERS AMONG SELECTED SIDE

Singapore, Dec. 2.

It is now certain that a team of Ceylonese cricketers of very high standard will visit Malaya in the spring.

Discussions have been proceeding for some time and have finally resulted in definite arrangements for a tour by a team sailing from Colombo on April 10, and leaving Malaya on May 4, giving them almost three weeks in this country.

A famous player in Dr. Gunasekera will captain the team, which will include an Oxford Blue in F.C. de Saram and others who have won distinction in the game in England and Ceylon.

Mystery Of Walter Lindrum

SNOOKERS GREAT POPULARITY

By Frank Foxon

Walter Lindrum might well be called the mystery man of billiards. In no other realm of sport can I remember a case similar to that of the incomparable Walter. Here was a man still young and complete master of his art who suddenly "went into the blue" and faded out of the game.

It is like Henry Irving, at his zenith, playing in "The Bells" and suddenly throwing in his cards—tired of it all. Lindrum has apparently made up his mind never to return to England, and one never sees any references to his exploits in Australia. His nephew, Horace, has not heard from him or of him for a long time. I would very much like to know the real reason for Walter Lindrum's retirement—for he has retired to all intents and purposes. Is it a case of Alexander sighing for new worlds to conquer or is he merely bored with his own excellence?

There is no sign at all of any decrease in the popularity of snooker. For every game of billiards played to-day there are at least 20 games of snooker. Indeed, many of the young men to be seen playing snooker every day in the public halls have never played billiards in their lives, and do not know the beauty of the older game.

I can understand the popularity of snooker from the point of view of those who pay to watch, for each frame is a separate fight, lasting on the average less than 20 minutes. That must be more interesting than watching a week's game of billiards which often became a procession after the first three days or so.

But on the intrinsic merits of the two games, I think billiards has it all the way, for it is incomparably the more skillful game with an artist's touch. How John Rowland would have shinned those broad shoulders of his at the idea of snooker ever supplanting billiards! And yet it has done so for the time being at any rate.

I wonder if any amateur will be found this season to challenge the supremacy of Kingsley Kennerley. One never knows, for when a new standard of excellence is set up players have a habit of rising to the occasion. Think of how Walter Lindrum "pulled out" Davis and Newman who are incomparably better players to-day than they were when Lindrum paid his first visit to England.

In amateur billiards we have seen constant progress since the days of S. H. Fry. We all thought that the standard made by that most versatile stroke player would never be equalled—and we were wrong. Following him came Coles and Kennerley, and I think all of them would have beaten Fry when he was at his best. I will make one prophecy—that Kennerley's break of 540 in last season's Amateur Championship will not be beaten this season. It is very long odds against an amateur making a break of over 500 in two successive seasons.

Never To Run Again At Aintree

By Watchman

Followers of National Hunt racing are naturally interested in Reynolds-town, one of the few horses who have twice won the Grand National. He is now 10 years old, and is to be given a certain amount of racing this winter. But he will not be entered for the Grand National. Nor will he ever run at Aintree again.

This I have on the authority of his owner-trainer Major Noel Furlong, who says that the horse has accomplished all that he could be reasonably expected to do at Liverpool.

"It would be too much to hope," adds Major Furlong, "that the luck would go Reynolds-town's way if he endeavored to win yet another Grand National. I should lament to see him knocked over by a 10st horse or perhaps some other mishap occur to him in the race."

From the details given below of the nine players who have already signified their intention of making the trip it will be seen that the touring side will have an abundance of both batting and bowling talent, with several gifted all-rounders:

Dr. C. H. Gunasekera: All-rounder and ex-Middlesex player.

F. C. de Saram: Oxford Blue.

L. Senanayake: Centurion in Oxford trial; is a left-hand batsman and a fast bowler; has played for All-Ceylon.

S. S. Jayawickreme: Opening bowler and the best batsman at present in Ceylon. He scored a century against an Indian team which included the test match bowlers Amar Singh and Nissar.

H. B. Kanangara: All-rounder and former vice-captain of the Sinhalese C.C. Ceylon.

L. D. S. Gunasekera: Left-hand opening batsman, who generally opens for All-Ceylon; useful change bowler.

I. Rasanayagam: All-rounder who has played for the Indian Gymkhana Club.

J. H. de Silva: Played for Oxford University Authorities and Harlequins. Scored a century in Oxford trial; is a left-hand batsman and a fast bowler; has played for All-Ceylon.

S.C.C. ARRANGING FIXTURES At the request of the organizers of the tour the itinerary is being sponsored by the Singapore Cricket Club who have offered the loan of the Club Padang for all matches played in Singapore. The Club have also undertaken to negotiate with up-country clubs for fixtures to be fulfilled elsewhere.

It is claimed that the team will be equal if not superior in strength to this year's Singapore resident, the captaincy of Sir Julien Cahn.

Most of the players are professional men but the team will be representative of Ceylon, though it will be unofficial.

During their stay in Malaya the Ceylonese cricketers will be the guests of a Singapore resident, who will be leaving for Colombo this month in order to finalise arrangements for the tour.

BOXER HURT IN CAR CRASH

London, Nov. 23. Nel Tarleton, former feather-weight champion, was badly hurt in a car crash in Queen's Drive, Liverpool, yesterday.

Tarleton, with Mr. Douglas Yendon, was driving when after striking a tree the car crashed into a lamp standard. The ex-champion's head hit the wind-screen and he was knocked unconscious.

In hospital he had to have eight stitches inserted in his forehead, and it is feared he has fractured a knee. Tarleton only recently recovered from double pneumonia.



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(Continued from Page 7.)

It is operated by hand and has a foot stirrup. This is the chief means of putting out small fires. This other one is a portable fire pump, which takes 120 gallons and draws its supply from any source such as the tanks, pump or sea water.

SHANGHAI FIRES

In regard to the functions of the government fire brigade you will, of course, realise that the fire appliances already provided are to cover the anticipated peace time risks and it is the practice, since the advent of up-to-date mechanical appliances, to centralize such appliances as far as possible leaving the extremities of a city with sub-stations to deal with local calls. This system, which works admirably, under peace time conditions is not so easily worked in war time and, in Hongkong and Kowloon, it would be necessary to revise the peace time working.

This is emphasized by the recent experience of the Shanghai Fire Brigade in the recent trouble in that area where preconceived ideas of attendance of municipal fire appliances at fires had to go "by the board" owing to the numerous calls on the service. Fires, which under peace time measures would have had an attendance from three to ten fire engines had to be dealt with by one alone with a skeleton crew who were left to cope with a situation, in many cases, beyond their control.

LOCAL EQUIPMENT

Reverting to local conditions; the peace time organization of Hongkong fire brigade consists of ten European professional Fire Brigade officers; 17 Chinese sub officers and 260 other ranks.

On Hongkong Island we have four heavy duty motor pumps of varying capacities up to 700 gallons per minute; two light duty motor pumps; one fire float of 2,000 gallons per minute; capable of operating along the whole of the waterfront of the Island.

In Kowloon there are four heavy duty motor pumps of capacities up to 700 gallons per minute and one light duty motor pump; one steam fire float of 4,000 gallons per minute, capable of operating along the waterfront of the peninsula.

The rural districts in the New Territories have four motor trailer pumps of light capacity.

It would be necessary, under air raid conditions to revise the peace time methods of operating these appliances by limiting the attendance to one fire appliance per call and augmenting as necessary according to the risks involved. I have already mentioned the possibility of damage to water mains caused by bombs and the possibility of restricted supplies at low volume and pressure. It is here, that owing to the favourable topographical features of the colony, the fireboats could be used to considerable advantage in relaying supplies of salt water in sufficient quantity to serve the land fire appliances engaged at fires.

RESERVE BRIGADE

Details have already been considered in regard to the question of forming a Fire Brigade Reserve force commencing with 50 men. It is proposed that these men will receive elementary training in the handling of fire apparatus with a view to assisting the permanent members of the Brigade in an emergency either with the Fire Brigade proper or detailed to fire posts in key premises where they would assist the fire parties already organised there.

A good working knowledge of the use of fire apparatus is the object to be achieved in the training of the reserves so that they in turn can assist in the training of men manning the fire posts.

In regard to key premises which I have already mentioned it is the in-

tention to select these carefully with the idea of building up a reserve of apparatus and men at each point to hold fires in check pending the arrival of the heavier appliances. Various measures will require consideration under which the fire brigade might have to operate in dealing with air raid fires.

CALL FACILITIES

One of these is the improvement and augmentation of the facilities for receiving calls at the fire stations, especially as the street fire alarm systems are not fully developed in Hongkong and Kowloon. In the event of an air raid resulting in many fires occurring at the same time, serious delay in calling the brigade might be expected. Under these circumstances additional means of calling the brigade will require to be provided. Messengers on bicycles will be a reliable method of giving calls, when telephonic communication is broken down or rendered difficult. Where fire posts are formed, wheeled handcarts or tricycles will be stationed with sufficient portable apparatus to enable small fires in the near vicinity to be dealt with promptly, thereby avoiding any possible delay which might be experienced by the breakdown of communications whether it be of a temporary or longer nature.

2.—Regret that my reference to this part of the lecture must be brief, but to sum up, everything will be done to organize the available fire resources on such a basis that each district will be protected. In regard to hints to householders I think it can have been gathered from my previous remarks What the essential features are, but a re-iteration will not be amiss. On the following precautions.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

- 1.—The responsible persons of the household to organize the inmates.
- 2.—Remove all inflammable fittings to a safe place. These include bedding of all descriptions, clothing, paperware, curtains, mosquito nets.
- 3.—Demolish and dispose of all thin wooden partitions. This is going to be a hardship on Chinese tenement dwellers.
- 4.—Distribute sand, which must already have been provided, over the upper floors and place sand and water in buckets at hand, ready for use, but remember that water must not be used on any portion of an incendiary bomb.
- 5.—Instruct the able-bodied members of the household for duty at various points of the structure.
- 6.—See that sick and infirm persons, women and children are removed to the ground floor, or other place of safety.
- 7.—During the course of an air raid keep in safe positions ready for action.
- 8.—If an incendiary bomb strikes and enters the premises, endeavour to cover it with sand, dry earth, or metal sheets and deal with fire which has spread to woodwork or other inflammable fittings by using water or chemical fire extinguishers if available.
- 9.—Despatch a messenger to the nearest fire post and call the Fire Brigade.

This concluded the lecture which was received with applause.

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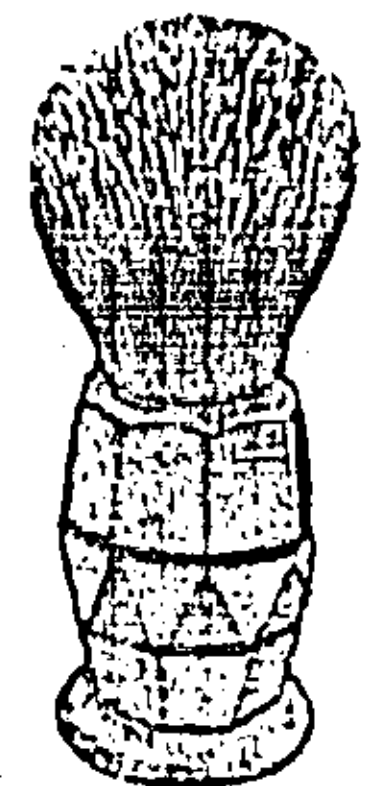
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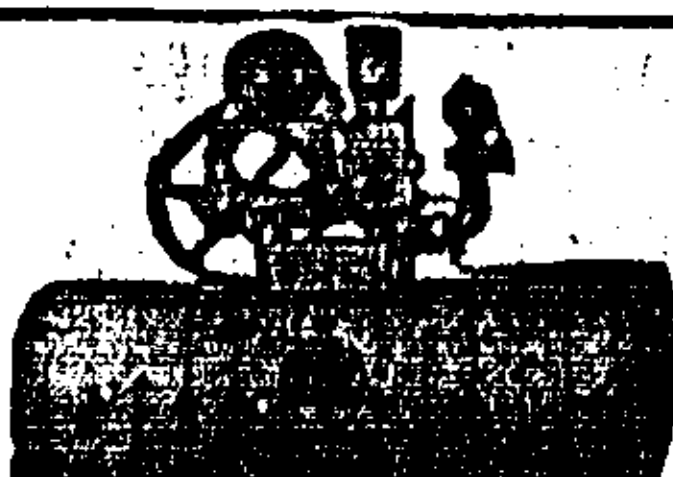
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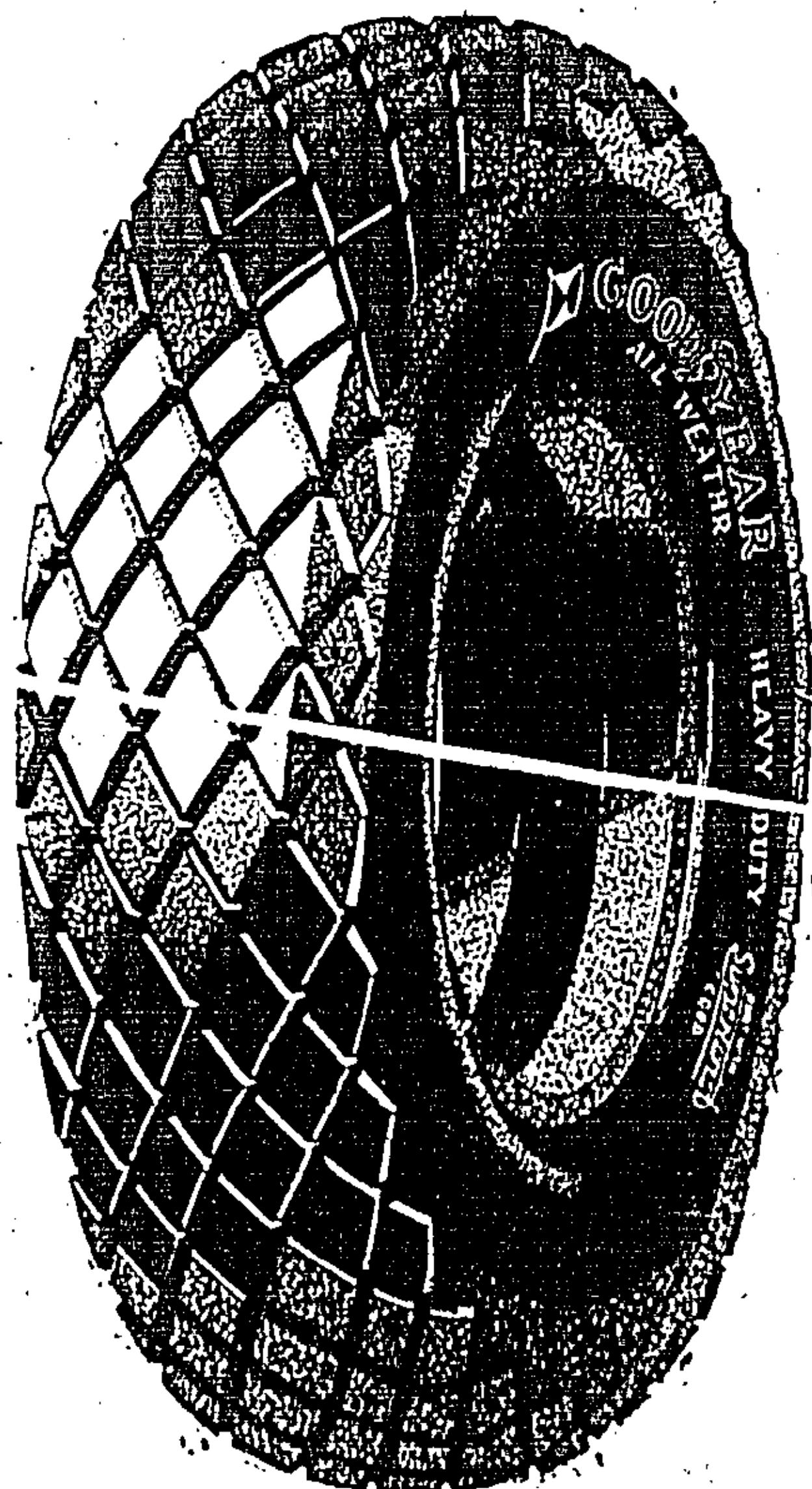
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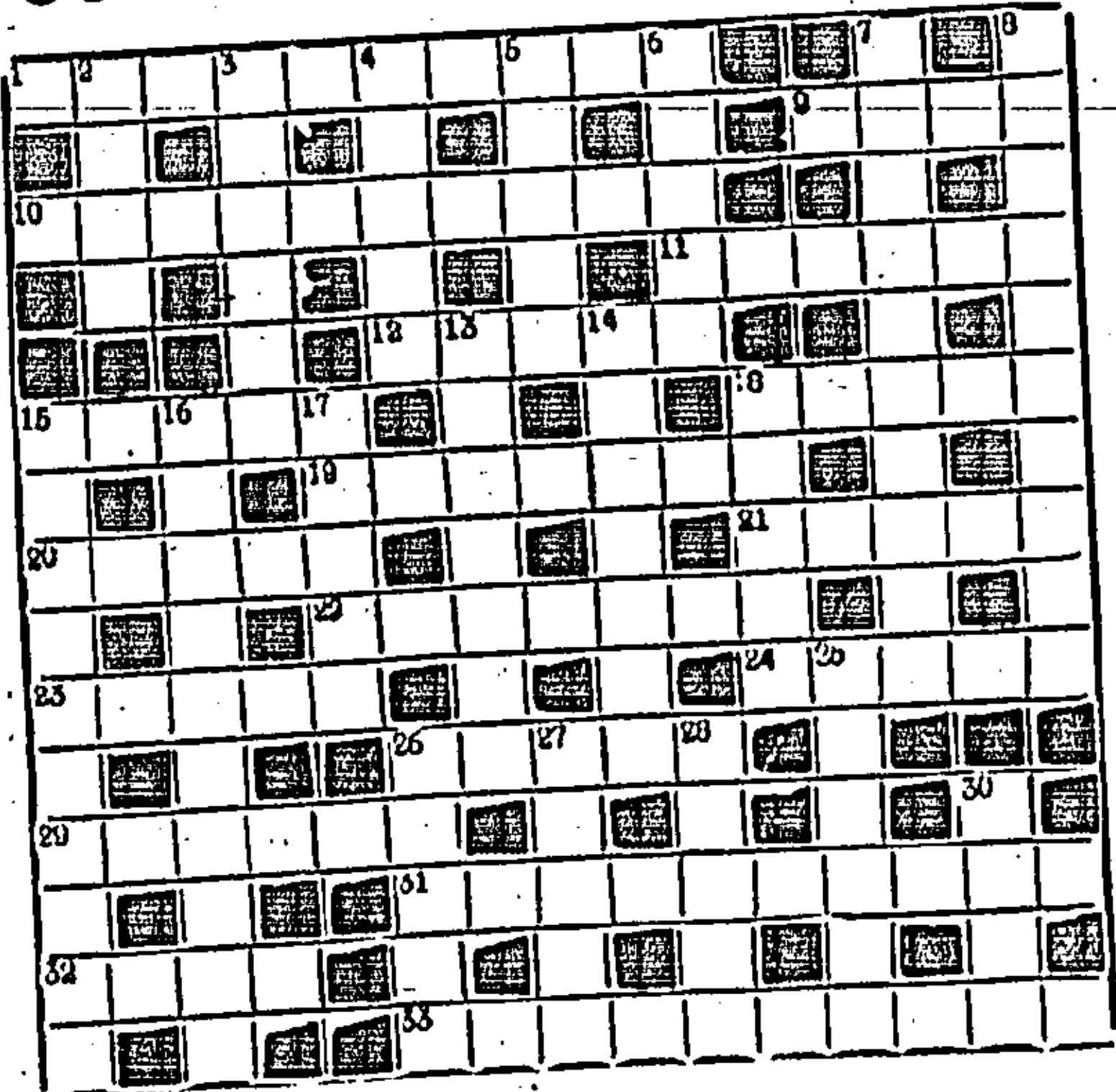
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- 1 He must balance contending interests (10).
- 2 A stone (4).
- 3 Trouble follows a certain measure in this drug (10).
- 4 Sundry submarine fellows (9).
- 5 Rather apprehensive (5).
- 6 The forthright man gives it no other name (5).
- 7 By this one can tell a good wine (5).
- 8 No, had air is not responsible for this illness (7).
- 9 This progresses by man's sole efforts (5).
- 10 Feminine name (5).
- 11 This deity started as a backward writer (7).
- 12 It is all over (5).
- 13 This grows by the water's this beheaded (5).
- 14 More than wood is distributed (5).
- 15 A snail for a blow (6).
- 16 Ignorant, but never without a coin (10).
- 17 Part of a down (3).
- 18 Changing one's spots (10).

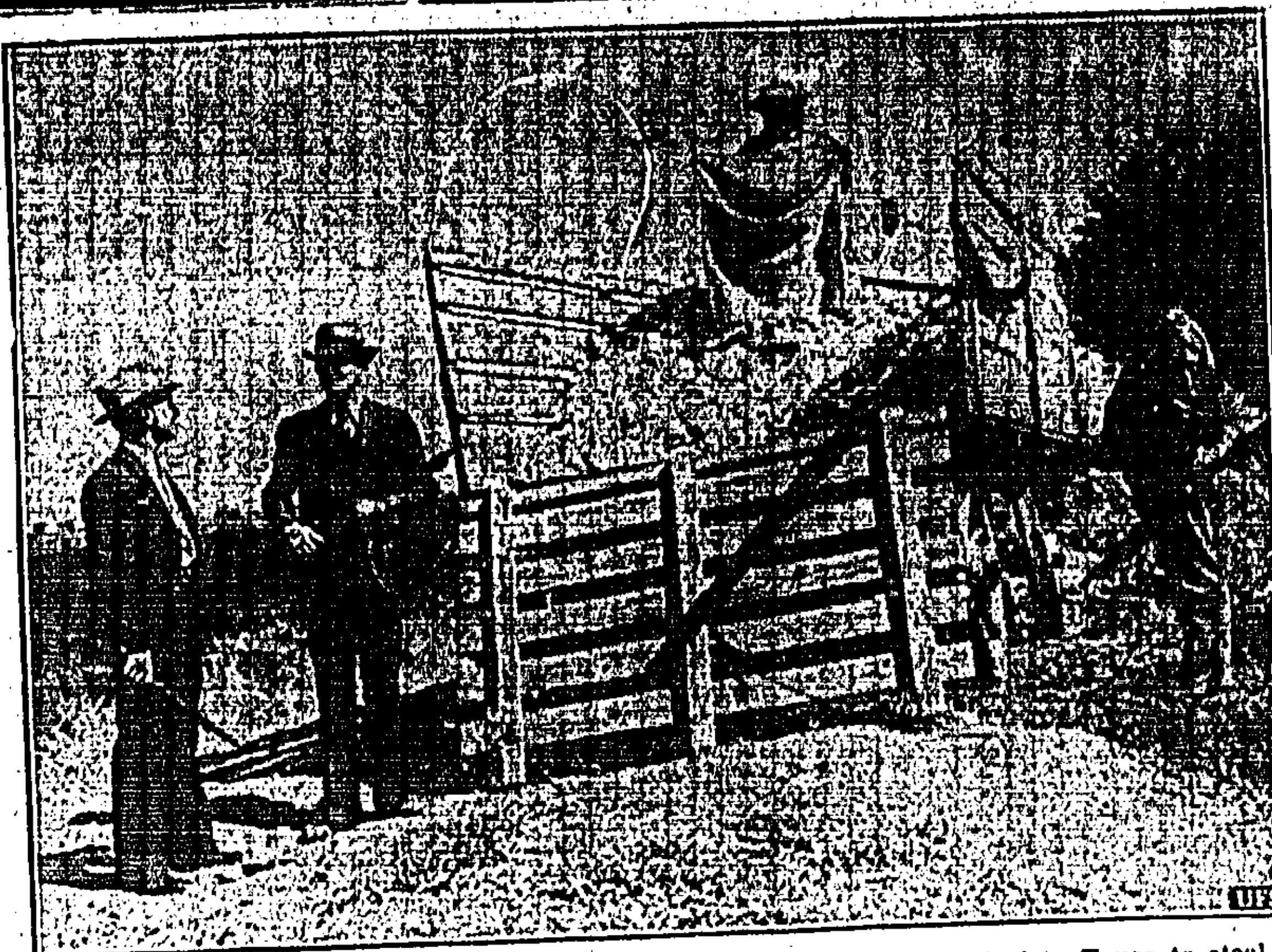
DOWN

- 1 The sailor may need it to escape it (4).
- 2 If one walks to this, bridge is probably indicated (6).
- 3 A defence concerning one of twelve (6).
- 4 He enjoys the upper airs (6).
- 5 The kind of answer to the expected question (6).
- 6 What is this in clear (10).

- 8 A sea expert is made to annoy (10).
- 9 A shady episode (7).
- 10 In effect, though not in fact (7).
- 11 This piece of furniture mainly suggests a clandestine demeanour (10).
- 12 Fortitious (10).
- 13 Mostly repair, and all correct (5).
- 14 Unwanted part of the harvest (5).
- 15 Necessitate (6).
- 16 Cow—mostly a relative (5).
- 17 Without the fourth letter this nut would be of unspecified extent (5).
- 18 Wherein scraps are taboo (5).
- 19 A niggardly change of name (4).

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GREAT EATERS

ONE of our best-known literary men has recorded his first sight of the poet Algernon Charles Swinburne. That sweet singer was in a restaurant, seated before a huge pile of asparagus. His deep and earnest concentration on the task of getting through the dish was a sight to see.

Other observers have borne testimony that when Swinburne was engaged with his food he could spare none of his time or attention for conversation or anything else.

His thirst was equal to his appetite; and indeed at one time his devotion to alcohol bid fair to have serious consequences. It was his friend and companion and guardian, Theodore Watts-Dunton, who remarked with satisfaction that he had got Algernon from brandy to port; and from port to beer.

In anybody thinks that poets, and literary men generally, are creatures who care little or nothing for solid sustenance he (or she) had better think again. Naturalists have noticed that the song-birds of our woods and gardens are always eating when they are not warbling; and much the same thing applies to human songsters.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti wrote the most beautiful love-lyrics, some of which will live for ever; but he restored the depleted system with most enormous meals. It is recorded that he would make a light breakfast of half-a-dozen eggs and a like number of rashers of bacon. His other reflections were in proportion.

Literary Work Exhausting

These legends about genius producing masterpieces while starving in a garret will not bear examination for a moment. The hungry man cannot turn out first-class work. To give the brain a chance it must be continually restored with plenty of rich red blood; and that is not done on a crust of bread and some cheese. Physiologists calculate that literary work carried on for one hour "takes more out of" a man than manual work done for three hours. In other words literary work is three times more exhausting than the work of a farm-labourer or a navvy.

Brain, therefore, needs more sustenance than brawn. It needs it in larger quantities and at more frequent intervals. The case of Thackeray was a case in point. The author of "Vanity Fair" and "The New-comer" was a tremendous man standing well over six feet, and likewise a tremendous worker. And he had an appetite to correspond.

A pathetic story is told of Charlotte Bronte meeting Thackeray, who was to be a dinner-party. She watched time at a dinner-party. She watched with wondrous amazement the immense inroads which her idol made on the food, and just as he was about to engulf another bit forkful, she involuntarily breathed, "Oh, Mr. Thackeray, don't!"

"A Very Old Friend"

There is another well-authenticated anecdote of the great novelist. He was engaged to dine with a very important personage, when he heard that a favourite dish, broad beans and bacon, was on the dinner-menu at his club, the Reform. He could not resist it. He sent a message to the waiter to say that he had expected to have a message and could not tear himself away. Then he made a solitary and very hearty meal of beans and bacon.

Then, who does not recall Thackeray's poetical outburst in praise of roast mutton? The poet-novelist said:—
"A good leg of mutton, my Lucy,
I prithee have ready at 3.
Have it tender and smoking and juicy,
And what better meat can there be?"

Another big man and great novelist was Alexandre Dumas, and he, too, was a redoubtable trencherman, besides fancying himself as a cook. It was said that he could make, and dispose of, an omelette comprising a dozen eggs, and that to him a whole roast fowl was a mere snack. Dumas's interest in good food and drink is evinced every now and then throughout the pages of his novels.

Allusion to great feats of eating and drinking abound. Dickens, too, revelled in descriptions of comestibles, and could become lyrical over the making of a steak-and-kidney pudding as all readers of "Martin Chuzzlewit" know. But we have the testimony of his son, the late Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, that in his own life the novelist was not at all an immoderate eater. He was, however, proud of his skill at concocting gin-punch, and always wound up the day with a forum of that seductive fluid.

The Nightly Bottle

Oliver Goldsmith was no mean performer with a knife and fork, and

even wrote a poem on a haunch of venison. The gastronomic performances of his friend and contemporary, Dr. Samuel Johnson, are notorious, and his punishment of a leg of veal with prune sauce has been described in memoirs of the period. We are given to understand that the doctor in middle life gave up his bottle of wine, fearing that he was getting too attached to it—which is all to his credit.

Which reminds us that there were three great contemporaries—a philanthropist, a statesman, and a poet—who made it a habit to drink a bottle of good old port every night of their lives. They were Sir Moses Montefiore, W. E. Gladstone, and Alfred Tennyson. The bard was not at all a puny trencherman, either. "I like my mutton cut in chunks," was the only remark he vouchsafed to his dinner-neighbour on a certain memorable occasion.

Two hearty eaters of later days were G. K. Chesterton and Arnold Bennett. The latter thought he was a gourmet, but he was more of a gourmand. At any rate, he knew less, really, about good eating than he imagined he did. "G.K.C." was devoted to good Burgundy; and it has been recorded that once when he had been out in the rain and caught a bad cold he preferred to chase it away with Burgundy rather than with any of the more orthodox hot drinks. The generous wine had the desired effect.

A literary man whose feats of gluttony were incredible, was an editorial writer on the New York Press, known as "Uncle Dudley." A fellow-member of the staff of the paper writes of him like this:—

"His appetite was beyond belief. I saw him one morning break a dozen eggs into a huge tumbler, butter the mess liberally, and then get away with it down to the last scrap. That achievement would have not seemed so amazing had he not followed the eggs with a two-pound steak, garnished with onions. His appetite for luncheon three hours later was not so good. But he was ready for his dinner."

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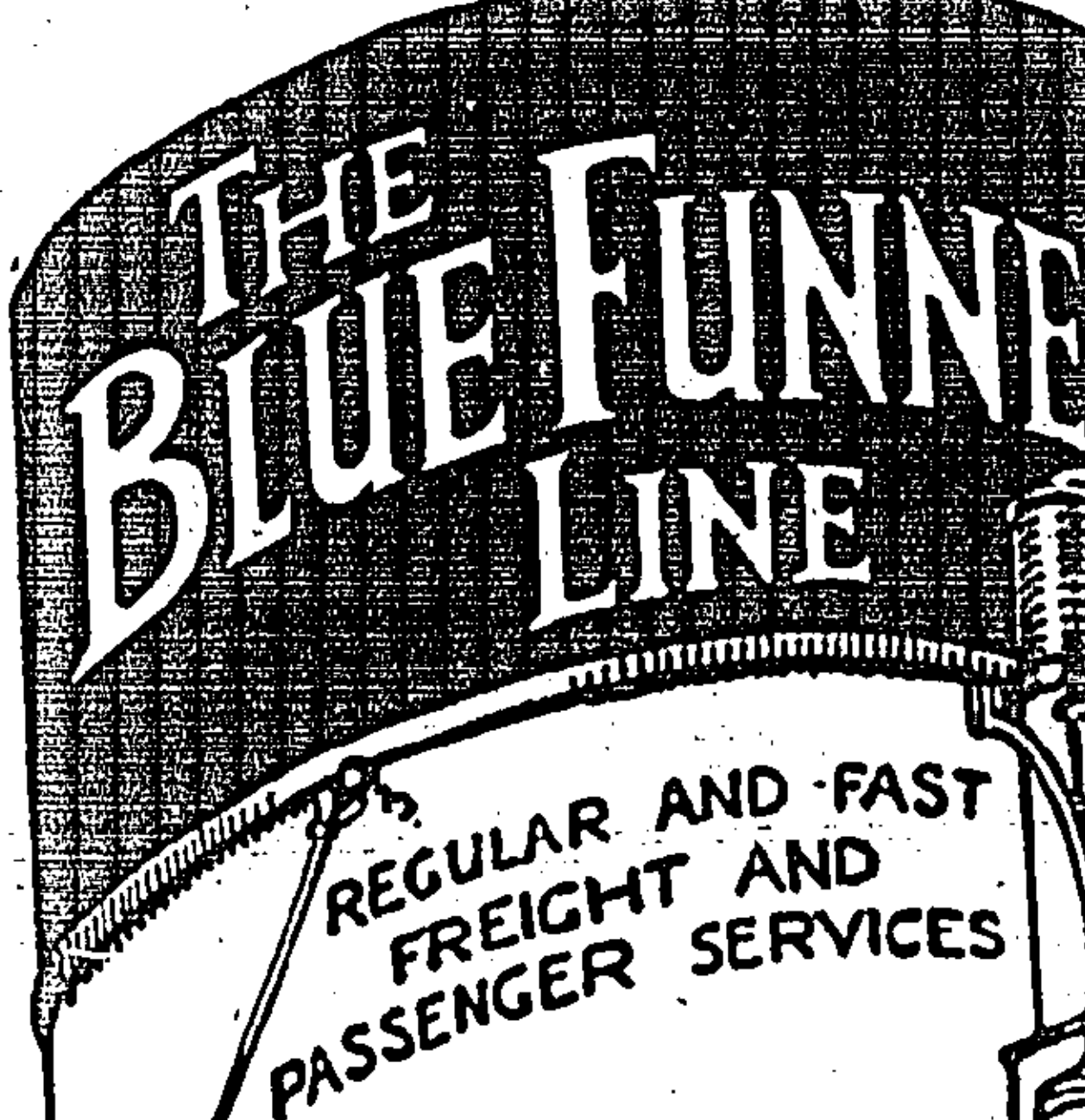
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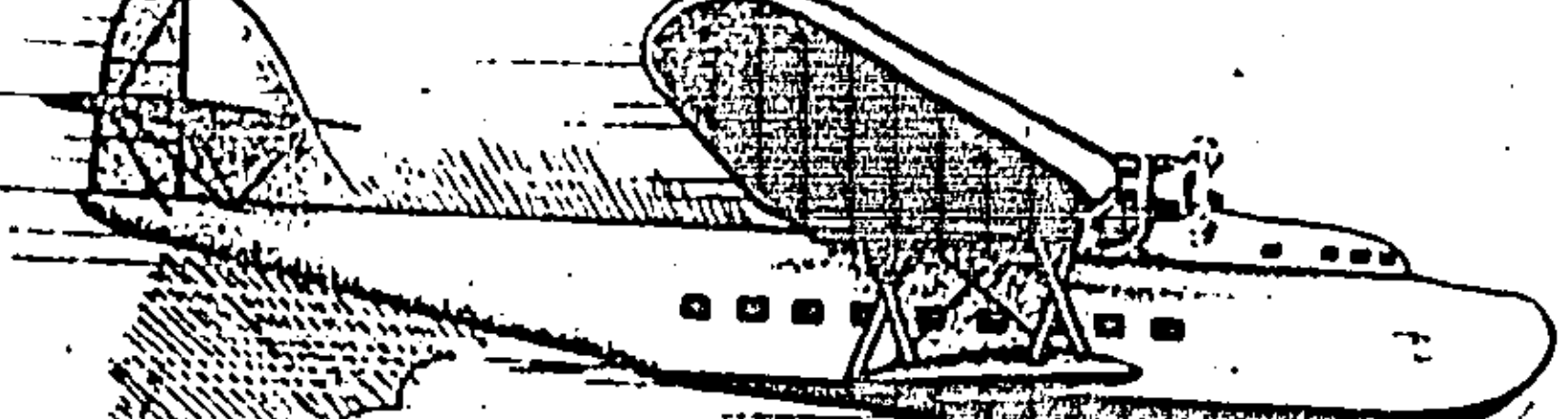
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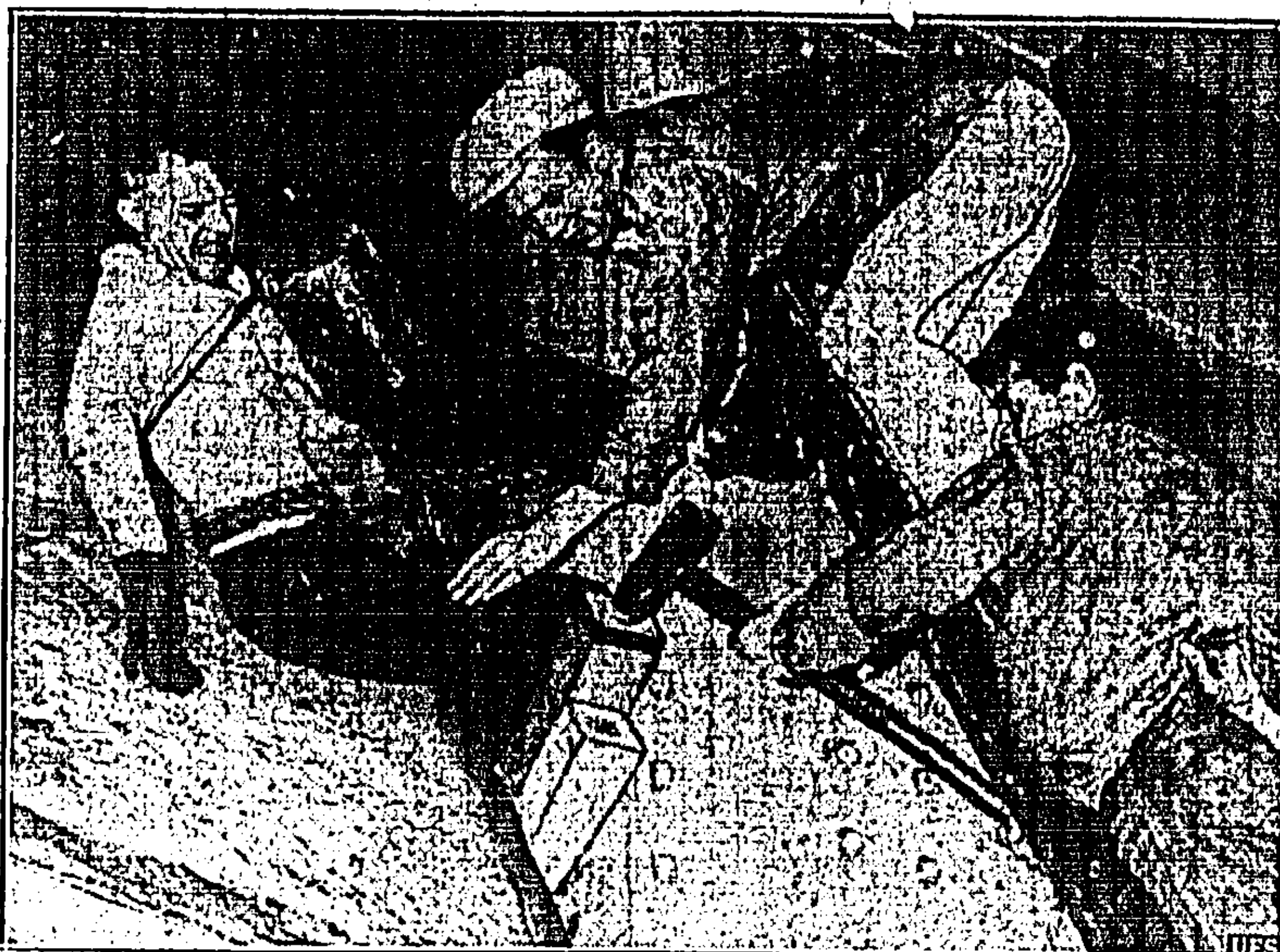
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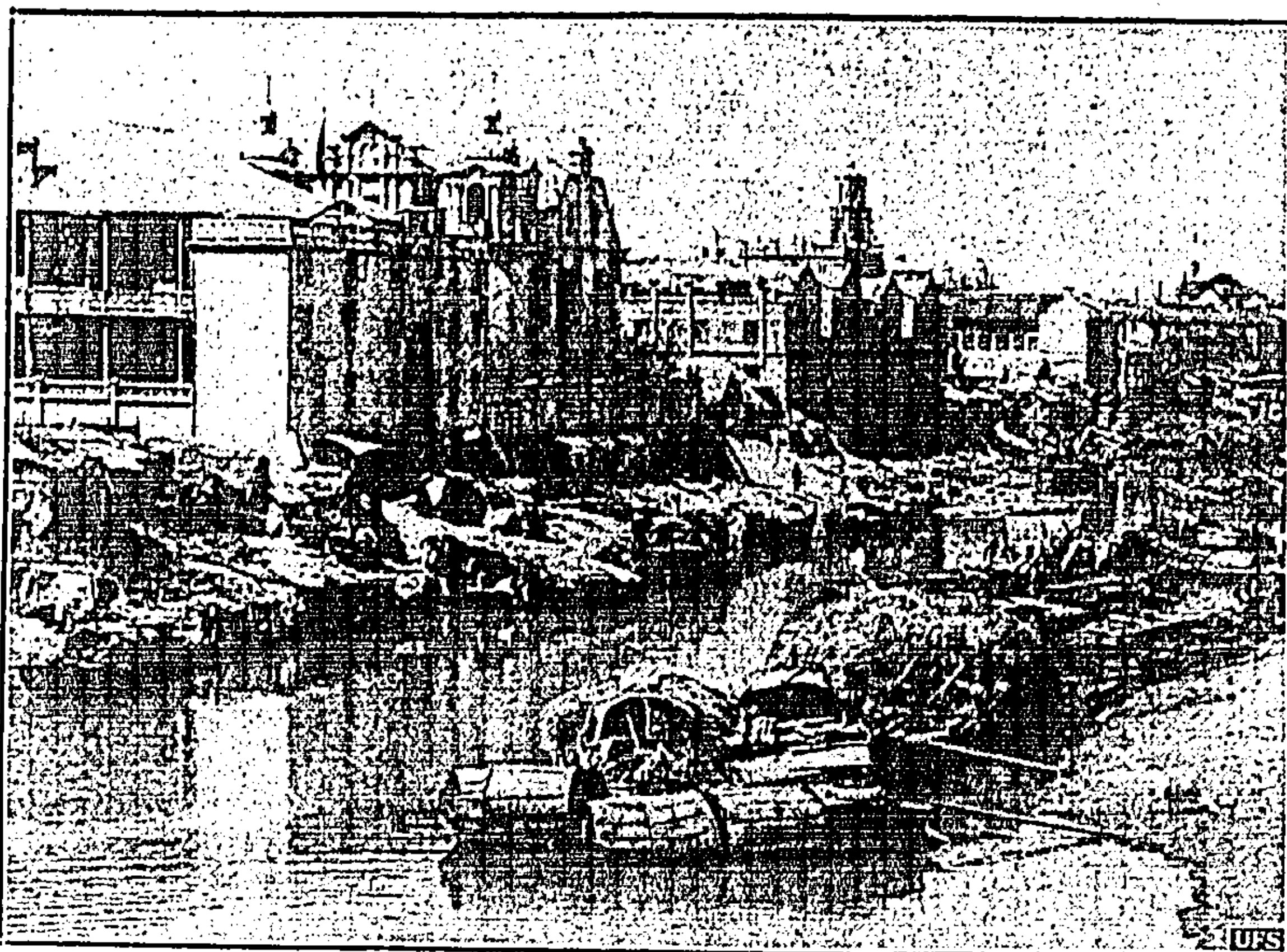
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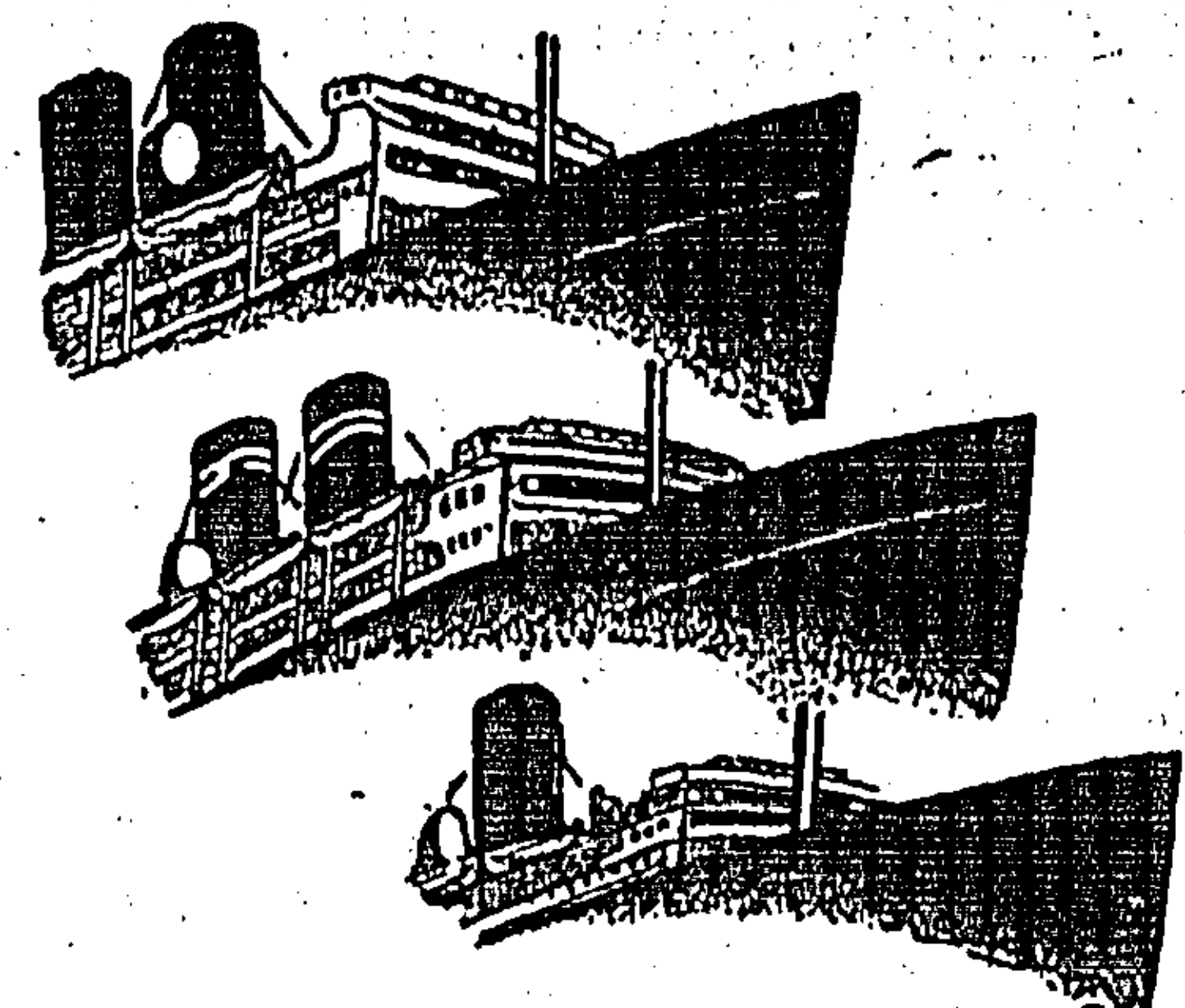
NEWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



A two-ton steel hoist door swung suddenly against a pier wall at the Army Base, Boston, pinning Frank J. Downes, 47, electrician, and crushing his right leg, as above. Suffering excruciating pain, in his position 20 feet above the ground, he courageously directed rescue workers who freed him after half an hour.



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*CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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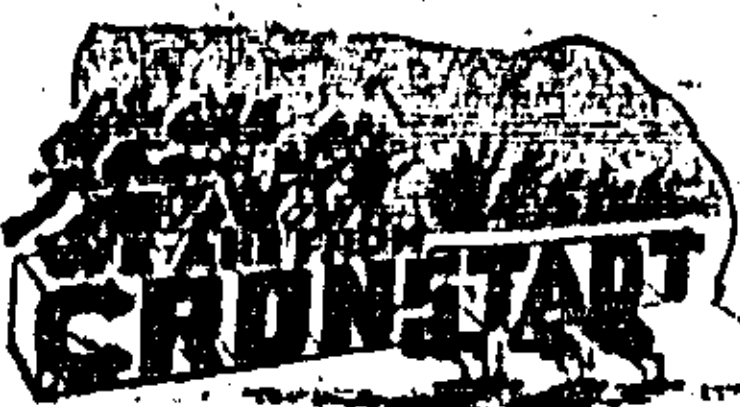
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Absence May Create Bad Impression

Charge D'Affaires Going Home

Shanghai, Dec. 13. It is learned that the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. R. G. Howe, and the Chinese Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. A. D. Blackburn, are to go home at the end of the year.

The consensus of opinion among leading British residents here is that the absence of the Charge d'Affaires, as well as Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, is inconsistent with the proper representation of British interests and is likely to convey the impression to Chinese and Japanese that Britain is indifferent to this greatest crisis the Far East has known.—Reuter.

Red Russia Votes As Directed

Seven Years' Gaoi For Anti-Soviet Agitation

Moscow, Dec. 13. At least 95 per cent. of the electorate went to the polls yesterday, and the great majority voted for the approved list of candidates, according to the preliminary election list.

The voting began as early as 6 o'clock. Moscow was in holiday garb and music was provided at the polling booths.

The only untoward incident occurred when a man was sentenced at Leningrad to seven years' imprisonment for trying to break up an electoral meeting with anti-Soviet shouts.

Unprecedented enthusiasm was aroused by the elections.—Reuter.

NO MEDIATION BY GERMANY

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to a question, said he understood from the German and Japanese Governments that the German Ambassador in Nanking had not been charged to offer his services as peace mediator between the Chinese and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

Missionaries Believed Murdered

Peiping, Dec. 14. Three American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and Miss Nichol, who disappeared on December 2 from the Japanese-occupied town of Shouyang on a night-time errand of mercy, are believed to have been murdered.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

DORADO DELAYED

The Imperial Airways' announces that R.M.A. Dorado has been delayed at Penang, owing to the hold-up of the eastbound mail plane, probably owing to weather.

Dorado left Penang at 2.40 a.m. Hongkong time to-day, however, and should reach here between 4 and 5 o'clock, weather permitting.

SUPPORT READY

Paris, Dec. 13. M. de Tesson, French Foreign Under-Secretary received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt to-day and it is understood they discussed the Yangtze incidents. Political circles believe that France and Britain will support America, but at present are waiting to see definitely what she intends to do.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER

Tokyo, Dec. 14. It is officially stated that the Home Minister, Dr. Eitchi Baba has resigned owing to ill-health, and that the Cabinet Councillor, Admiral Nobunma Suetsumu has been appointed Home Minister.—Reuter.

Japanese Buy Much Oil From Borneo

Not All Facts Are Available

London, Dec. 13. Japanese imports of petroleum were the subject of a question in the House of Commons by Col. H. W. Burton (Cons.), and in a written reply Captain Euan Wallace, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, stated that according to Japanese official trade statistics, Japanese imports of crude and refined petroleum for 12 months ended July 1937 totalled 1,102,500,000 gallons of which 62,800,000 were recorded as imported from British Borneo.

Imports, if any, from other British countries were relatively unimportant. Direct purchases of petroleum on the State account by service departments were not included in these statistics. Separate particulars of imports of petroleum had not appeared in the Japanese monthly trade returns since last July.—Reuter.

STORMS SWEEP BRITAIN

Troopship Fights Biscay Blow

London, Dec. 13. The worst storms for many years are raging over the British Isles and Scotland.

The liner Normandie was forced to anchor while battling a gale off the Isle of Wight.

The troopship Dunera, with troops from Egypt and Malta, is fighting high seas in the Bay of Biscay.

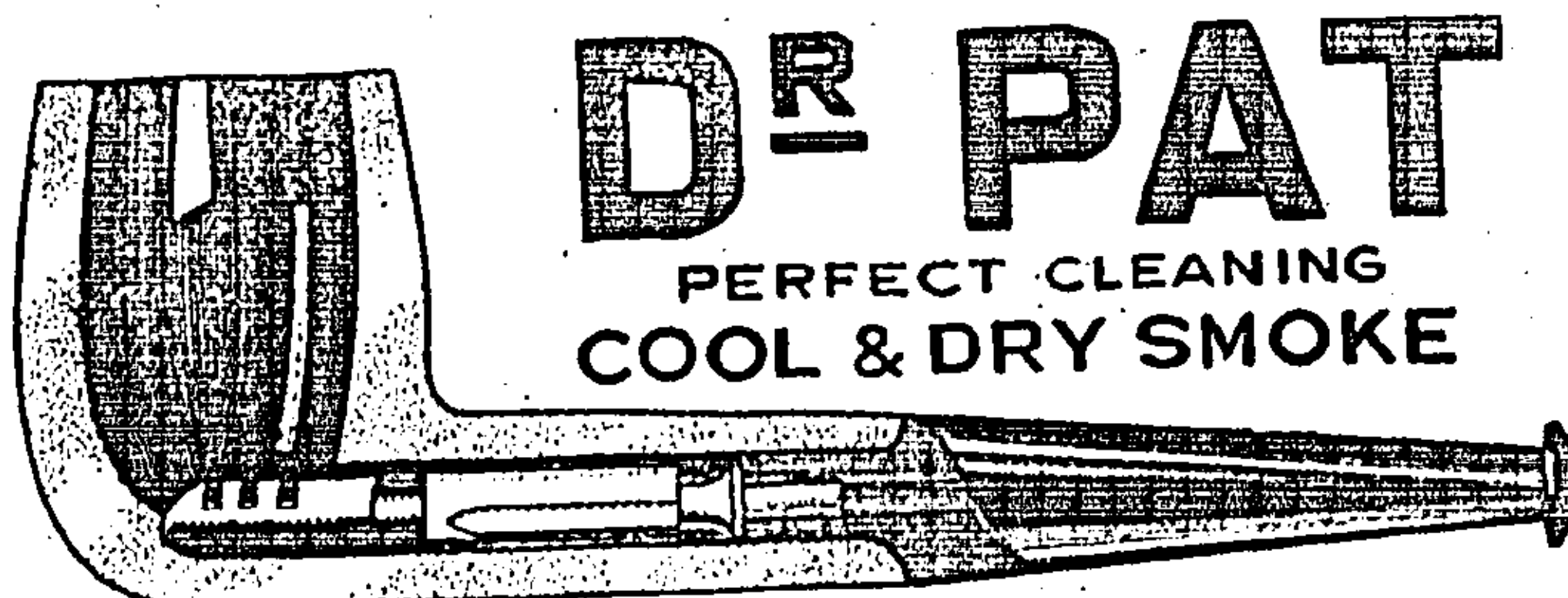
Many parts in the north of England and Scotland are isolated. A small vessel bound for London was driven ashore in a gale off the Irish coast. The crew was rescued by rocket apparatus.—Reuter.

MORE TROUBLE AT NAZARETH

Haifa, Dec. 13. Eight persons were injured, four very seriously, when a Jewish bus was heavily fired on near Nazareth to-day.—Reuter.

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Put the lard and water into a saucepan and bring to the boil, then stir it into the flour and salt, and knead to a light dough. Place the dough on a floured board, allow it to stand for five minutes, then knead until a light dough is formed.

Shape the greater portion of the dough with the hands into a hollow pie. The pastry must be kept warm or it will crack. When sufficiently raised, fill with seasoned meat.

Wet the edges with cold water and cover with a lid made from the remaining piece of dough. Brush over with beaten egg, decorate with leaves and diamonds, and brush the decorations with beaten egg.

Make a slit in the pastry, fix in a funnel of parchment paper, and decorate round the paper with pastry decorations. Place the pie in a hot oven for twenty minutes to half an hour, reduce the heat, cover with parchment paper soaked in cold water, and cook for one and a half hours.

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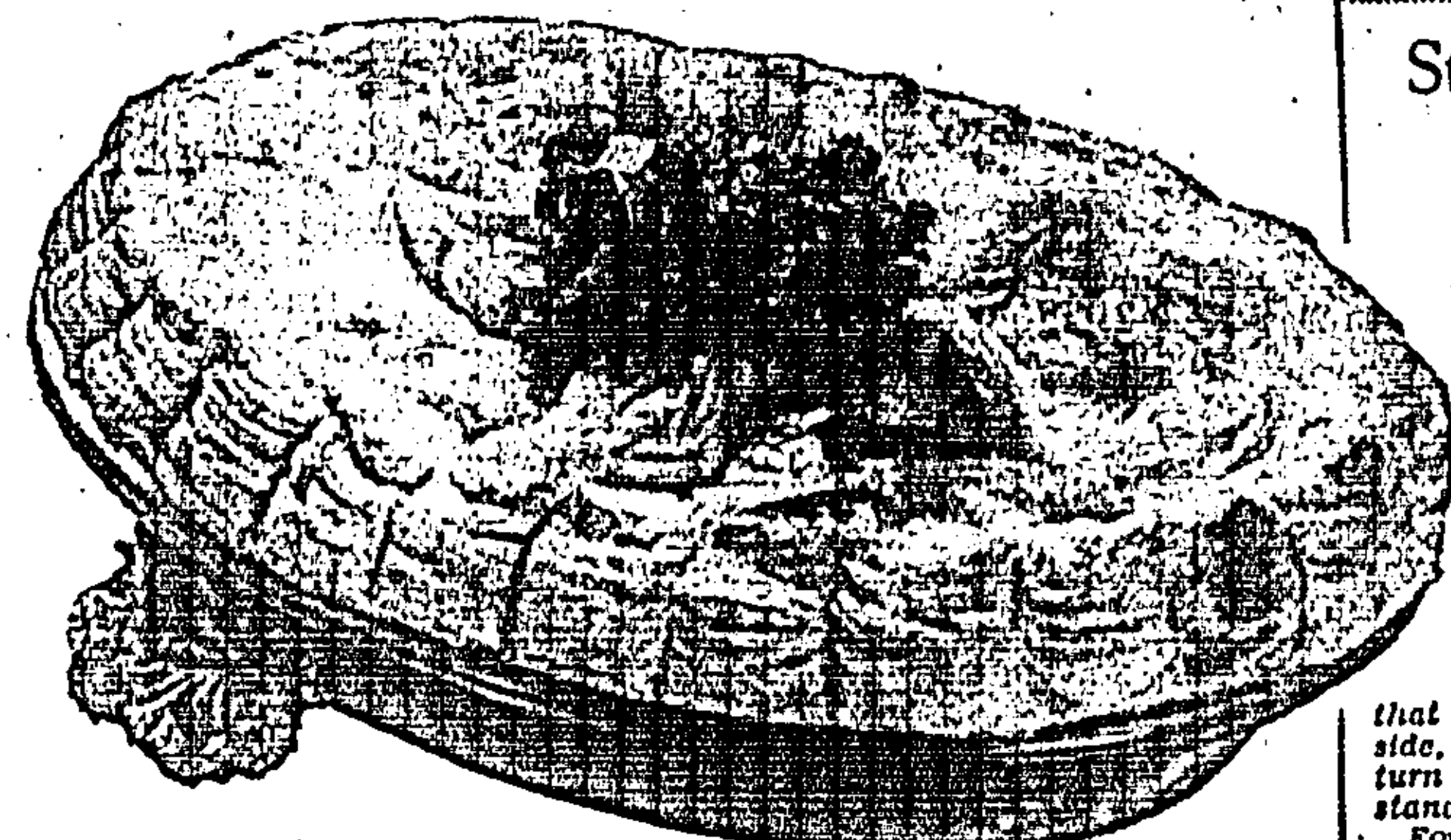
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Sieve the flour, cornflour and salt into a bowl and chop the fat into pieces the size of a walnut. Mix to a fairly soft dough with cold water and lemon juice, then roll into a strip about three inches as long as it is broad.

Fold in three, turn so that the folded edges are to the side, and roll again. Fold in three, turn and roll. Allow the pastry to stand for an hour before using.

For the filling use: 1lb. steak, 1lb. kidney, 14oz. potato cornflour. Cut the meat into neat strips and the kidney into small pieces. Season the cornflour and with it coat each strip of steak. Put on each a piece of kidney and roll up.

Arrange the meat rolls in a pie dish and sprinkle over the rest of the seasoned cornflour. Add water or stock and cover with pastry. Brush over with a little milk, make a vent in the crust, bake about 1 to 1½ hours, reducing the heat after the first 15 minutes so that the pastry is not over-cooked.

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DANCE DRESS REVEALS BLEMISHES

By Marion Morton

IF you count dancing among your major hobbies—or indeed if you ever dance at all, and most of us do that—then we have to remember one fact especially when we are practising our general beauty regime, however scanty it maybe.

Backs and shoulders are much in evidence. One is often forced to realise that if only all women looked at their backs in a double mirror they would certainly either try to improve them or else invariably cover them up altogether.

Stand Up

OFTEEN, however, it is the result of bad posture and lack of exercise. If you hold yourself properly your back may immediately fall into really lovely lines. And if you remember always to keep your shoulder blades straight, waist where it should be and your neck properly poised, then these lovely lines will remain.

Attractive backs are always smooth and evenly textured, with a fine, soft skin—a state of affairs which does not necessarily arrive without help from the lady herself.

Backs are rather difficult to treat oneself, but much may be done with the help of a rubber panner on a long handle, and a bath brush.

Shoulders

THERE are lotions which give a finished appearance to your shoulders, back and arms, and if you choose a pale peach, or faint apricot shade the effect will be better than that of plain white. When your lotion is dry, the skin should be polished all over with a piece of chamomile leather dipped in powder to match the lotion.

And do be sure to use a make-up which doesn't constantly need renewing. A liquid powder foundation lotion is useful for skins that are apt to get moist. Neatness which insists upon shining must be treated with an anti-shine lotion which will mend matters.

Bow In Her Hair

WHEN you have chosen a successful hair-style which really suits your face, personality and your figure, please do not spoil the effect by dressing it up in the evening with unsuitable ornaments.

Small bows to match the dress are "in" again, and they look very pretty tying back the shorter curled pieces of hair on either side of the centre parting the remainder of the hair falling in a rather long, straightish bob, with curled-under ends.

Fair hair looks lovely waved back from the temples, smoothed over the head, and curled up at the ends, with a small black velvet bow nestling among the ends at the nape of the neck.

A line of dark curls around the head may be broken here and there by tiny red velvet flowers or wee rosettes, placed at irregular intervals.

One may be fixed over the right ear, while three more are found at the top of the head towards the opposite side.

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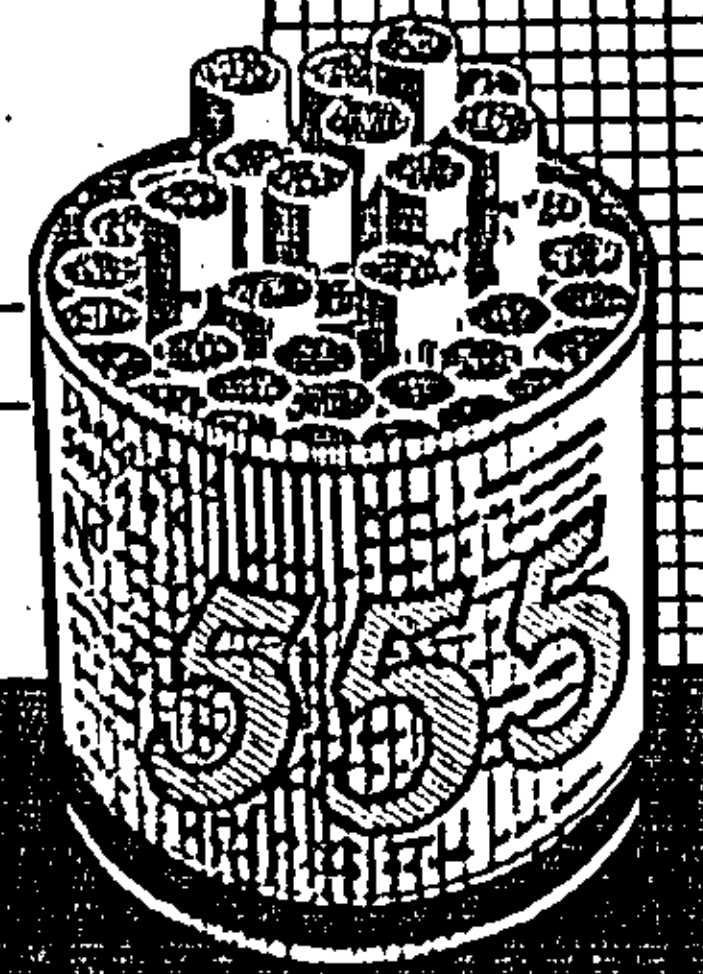
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Good Cooking By Ambrose Heath

Two Savoury Dishes

MANY thousands of English people are devotees of pig's trotters, but many more are suspicious of what is really a very delicious form of food—provided that your pork butcher is beyond suspicion and you make certain that the trotters are perfectly clean before being cooked.

They do deserve greater popularity and in the hope of inducing some of my readers to share with me two quite delicious dishes, here they are one hot and one cold.

Grilled Trotters THIS is a Creole recipe, and a very good one. CUT the prepared pig's too, for a supper dish. feet in half length. Soak the prepared feet in wise, wrap each half in a piece water for several hours, then of cloth, twisting and tying the split and crack them in several

places. Put them into a stew-pan, cover with cold water and let them simmer until they are tender, about three hours.

Then take them out, drain and lay them in a deep dish, season with salt and pepper, and pour over some boiling spiced vinegar. Cover them while they get cold, and keep for 24 hours before serving.

The spiced vinegar is made by boiling a pint of good vinegar for a few minutes with two bayleaves, three blades of mace, a dozen cloves and a whole red pepper pod. (This is enough for six trotters.) You can add a little cayenne pepper to the seasoning if you like the dish rather hot.

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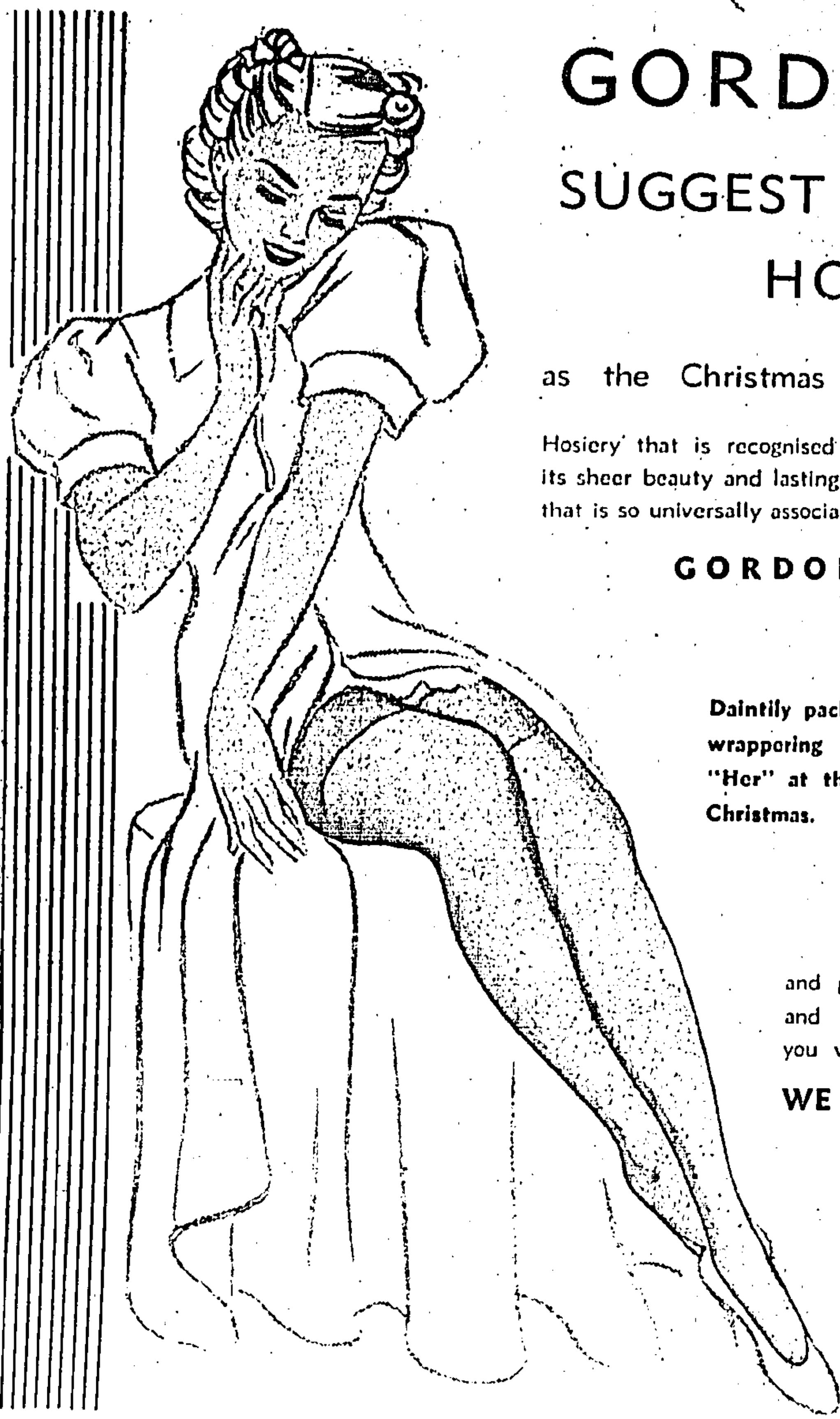


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STORMS SWEEP BRITAIN

Troopship Fights
Biscay Blow

London, Dec. 13.
The worst storms for many years are raging over the British Isles and Scotland.
The liner Normandie was forced to anchor while battling a gale off the Isle of Wight.
The troopship Dunera, with troops from Egypt and Malta, is fighting high seas in the Bay of Biscay.
Many parts in the north of England and Scotland are isolated.
A small vessel bound for London was driven ashore in a gale off the Irish coast. The crew was rescued by rocket apparatus.—Reuter.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Prisoner of Zenda" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Anthony Hope's romance is popular at any age. The present production proves an entertaining as the one made in the "silent" days. Ronald Colman, as usual, is a charming hero and carries his part well. He is given splendid support by Madeleine Carroll.
"100 Men and a Girl" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Ever since "Three Smart Girls" it was inevitable that Deanna Durbin would have to make another appearance on the screen. She is again delicious here and is the centre of the story, though personalities like Adolphe Menjou, Leopold Stokowski and Misha Auer help the picture along.
"The Cat in the Hat" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—A roaring tale of the West, replete with thrills. A picture which all youngsters will like.
"Slowaway" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Shirley Temple again, in another charming story. Robert Young and Alice Faye have the chief adult roles.
"Women of Glamour" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A sophisticated play taken from Broadway. Melvyn Douglas and Virginia Bruce make it interesting.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 10.	Dec. 13.
Paris	147.5/64	147.9/64
Geneva	21.00 1/4	21.00 1/2
Berlin	12.40 1/2	12.39
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	95
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Cairo	19.90	19.90
Hankow	220 1/2	220 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	5.00	4.99 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.09 1/2	8.08 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Hongkong	110 1/2	110 1/2
Bombay	1/3	1/3
Montreal	4.09 1/2	4.09 1/2
Brussels	20.41	20.38 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Montevideo	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	24 1/2	24 1/2
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

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T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	108 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	61 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	105 1/2
T.T. France	0.10
T.T. Germany	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
	Buying
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	0.05
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.99 1/2

Missionaries Believed Murdered

Feiping, Dec. 14.
Three American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Harsh and Miss Meher, who disappeared on December 2 from the Japanese-occupied town of Shouyang on a night-time errand of mercy, are believed to have been murdered.—Reuter.

MORE TROUBLE AT NAZARETH

Haifa, Dec. 13.
Eight persons were injured, four very seriously, when a Jewish bus was heavily fired on near Nazareth to-day.—Reuter.

Red Russia Votes As Directed

Seven Years' Gao
For Anti-Soviet
Agitation

Moscow, Dec. 13.
At least 95 per cent. of the electorate went to the polls yesterday, and the great majority voted for the approved list of candidates, according to the preliminary election figures.
The voting began as early as 6 o'clock. Moscow was in holiday garb and music was provided at the polling booths.
The only untoward incident occurred when a man was sentenced at Leningrad to seven years' imprisonment for trying to break up an electoral meeting with anti-Soviet shouts.
Unprecedented enthusiasm was aroused by the elections.—Reuter.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,500 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £91 b.
Chartered Bank, £12 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £32 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £15 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 s.
Insurances
Canton Ins., \$272 1/2 b.
Union Ins., \$516 s.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$246 n.
Shipping
Douglas, \$48 1/4 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$8 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, 95/- n.
Union Waterways, \$9.30 n.
Docks
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$118 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$20.50 b.
Providents (old), \$2 b.
Providents (new), 35 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh.—
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kaitum Mining Adm., 10/9 n.
Ruaba, \$8.30 n.
Venz: Goldfield, \$5 n.
Antamok, P., 50 n.
Philippine Mining
Atoks, P., 16 n.
Baguio Gold, P., 16 n.
Benguet Consol., 8.80 n.
Benguet Explor., P.—
Big Wedge, P.—
Coco Grove, P., 35 1/2 n.
Consolidated Mines, P., 0.11 n.
Demonstrations, P., 34 Ex. div.
E. Mindanao, P.—
Gumaua G'fields, P.—
Igo Gold, P.—
I.T.L., P., 51 n.
Itogay, P.—
Manbate Consols., P.—
Min. Resources, P.—
Northern Min., P.—
Paracale G'fields, P.—
Salcedo Mining, P.—
San Mauricio, P., 42 n.
Suyoc Consol., P., 14
United Paracale, P., 41 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 n.
H.K. Lands, \$32 n.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh.—
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—
Humphries, \$8 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities, \$4.85 n.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, Sh.—
China Deben, —
Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$13.30 n.
Peak Trams (old), 77 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new), \$34 n.
Yauwai Ferries (old), \$24 1/2 n.
China Light (old), \$11.20 b.
Star Ferries, \$80 n.
H.K. Electric, \$52 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2 n.
Telephone (old), \$20 1/2 n.
Telephone (new), \$9.30 n.
China Bus, \$1.00 n.
Singapore Traction, 23/9 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.
Industrials
Cold: Mack (old), Sh.—
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Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$12 1/2 s.
H.K. Ropes, \$1.00 n.
Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$24 n.
Watsons, \$4.75 n.
Lane Crawford, \$8.00 n.
Sinceres, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.
Wm. Powell, 75 cts. n.
Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons Sh., \$13 1/2 n.
Shai Cottons (old), Sh., \$77 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh.—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—
Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainment, \$5.00 n.
Constructions (old), \$1.00 n.
Constructions (new), \$1.00 n.
Vibro Piling, \$8 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 GSBds, 73 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 1 1/4% prm.
Wallace Harpers, \$5 n.
Martmans Inv. (Lon.), s/- 21/- n.
Martmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 4/6 n.
China Lights Rights \$5.30 n.

NO MEDIATION BY GERMANY

London, Dec. 13.
In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to a question, said he understood from the German and Japanese Governments that the German Ambassador in Nanking had not been charged to offer his services as peace mediator between the Chinese and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

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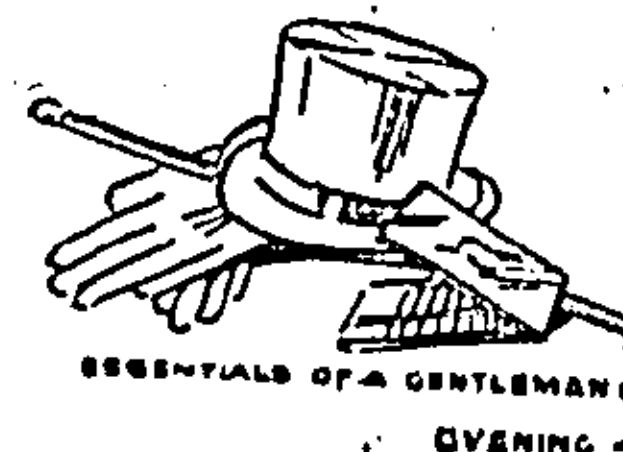
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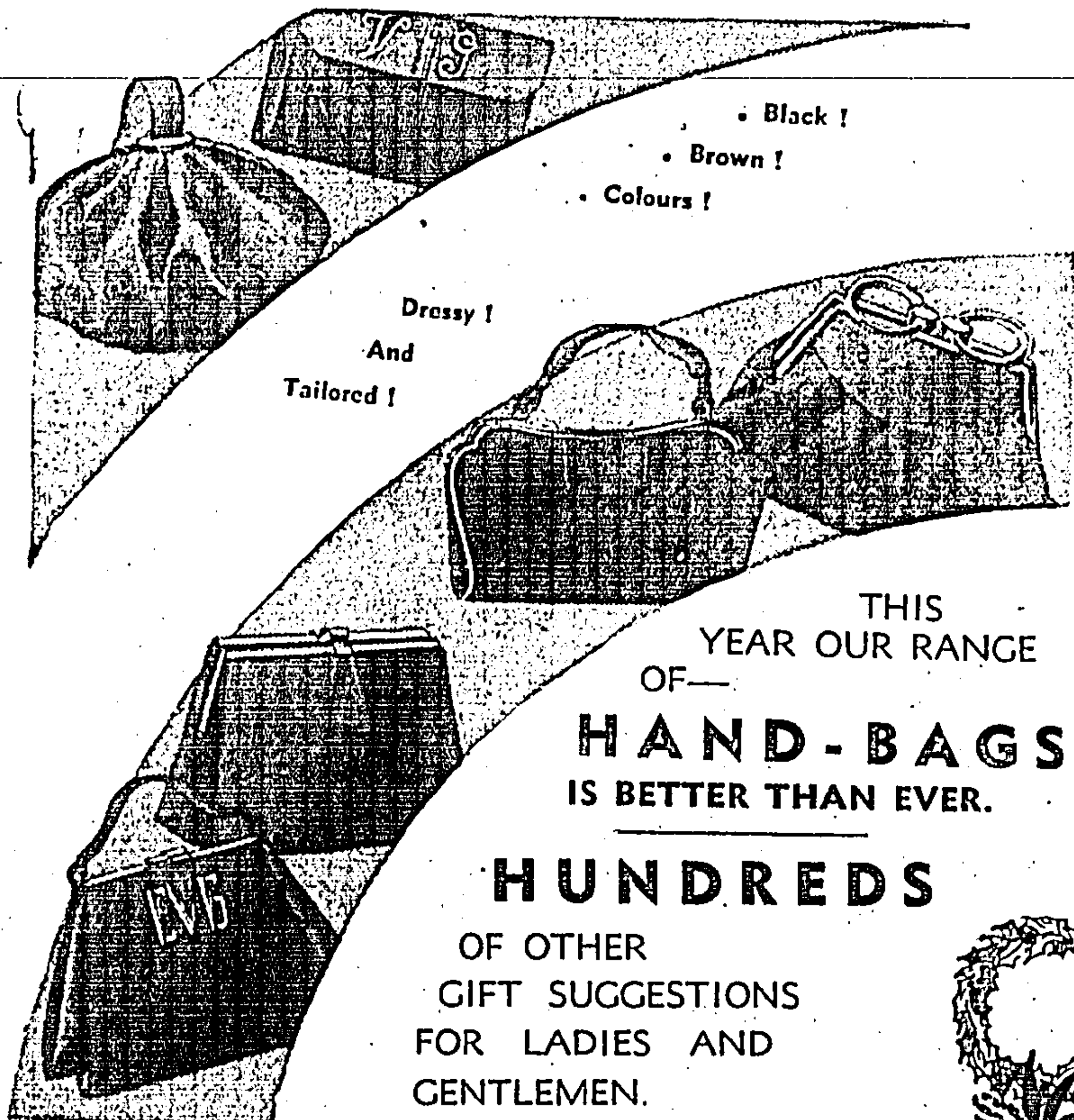
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Question
In CouncilReported Defect
Causes Inquiry

At the Legislative Council meeting to-morrow, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, pursuant to notice, will ask:

"Will Government make a statement to this Council in regard to the reported defect discovered in Shing Mun, and the position regarding thereof of the Hongkong Government, the Consulting Engineers and the Resident Engineer?"

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., will move the following resolution:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Council upon the expenditure incurred in the housing of Government Civil Servants and also upon what would be the proper percentage of salary to be paid by various grades of Government Civil Servants as rent for the use of Government quarters."

Stock Market
Easier

Little Business Done

London, Dec. 13. The latest Far East developments led to a precautionary lowering in the values of some of the Stock Exchange sections, but actual business was confined to a little Continental support for various favourites, notably Royal Dutch, a few Kniters and diamonds. Otherwise the market was very quiet. Commodities and base metals, particularly tin, were easier on bear selling. Rubber and cotton also eased. Wall Street opened easy.—*Reuter's Special.*Absence May
Create Bad
ImpressionCharge D'Affaires
Going Home

Shanghai, Dec. 13. It is learned that the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. R. G. Howe, and the Chinese Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. A. D. Blackburn, are to go home at the end of the year.

The consensus of opinion among leading British residents here is that the absence of the Charge d'Affaires, as well as Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, is inconsistent with the proper representation of British interests and is likely to convey the impression to Chinese and Japanese that Britain is indifferent to this greatest crisis the Far East has known.—*Reuter.*S'hai Papers
To Cease
Publication

Shanghai, Dec. 14. Two more Chinese newspapers, the Shungpao and the Takungpao, will print their last edition to-day, as the managements of these two well-known papers have decided to close their doors to-morrow.

Both newspapers are reported to have received communications from the Japanese censors asking them to submit proofs for perusal before publication, and that publicity should be given to the so-called "Tatso City Government", and other organisations. These latter bodies should in no way be ridiculed, states the censor.

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Sub-Inspector W. H. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs said that the marriage was not according to the Chinese customs, and the S.C.A. was not satisfied with it.

His Worship ordered the defendant to have her mut-tsai and the husband taken to the Supreme Court to go through the formalities. The case was adjourned for week.

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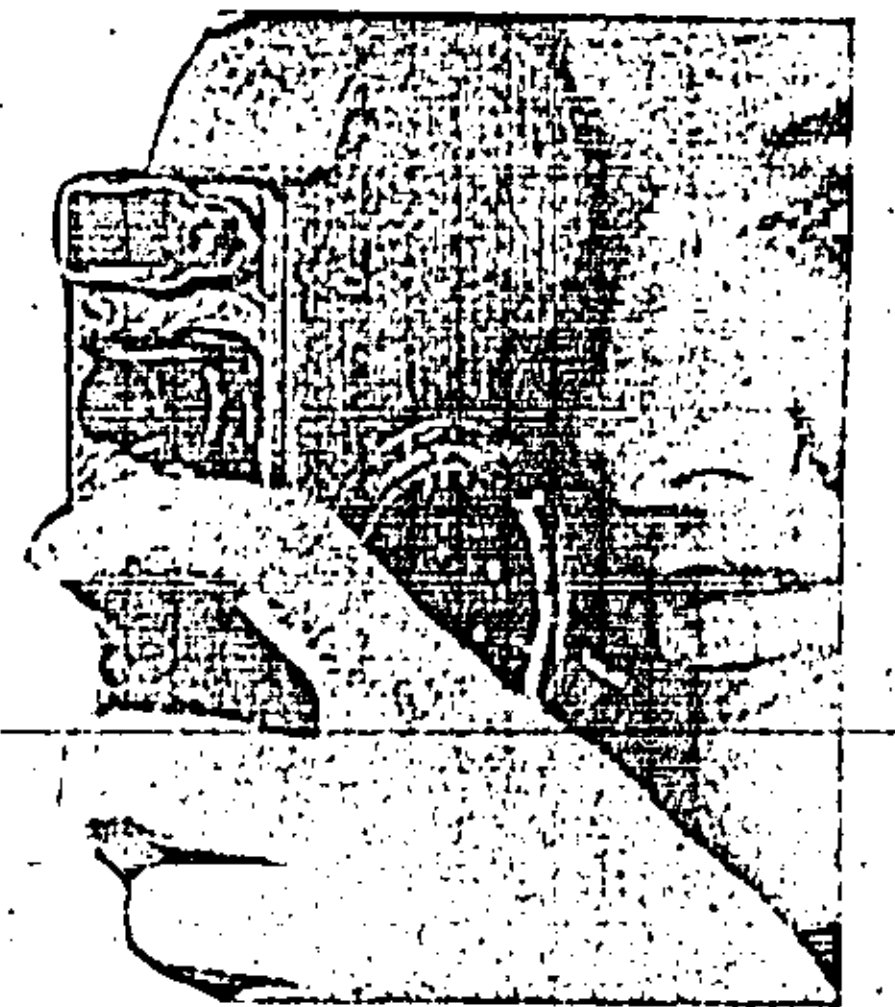
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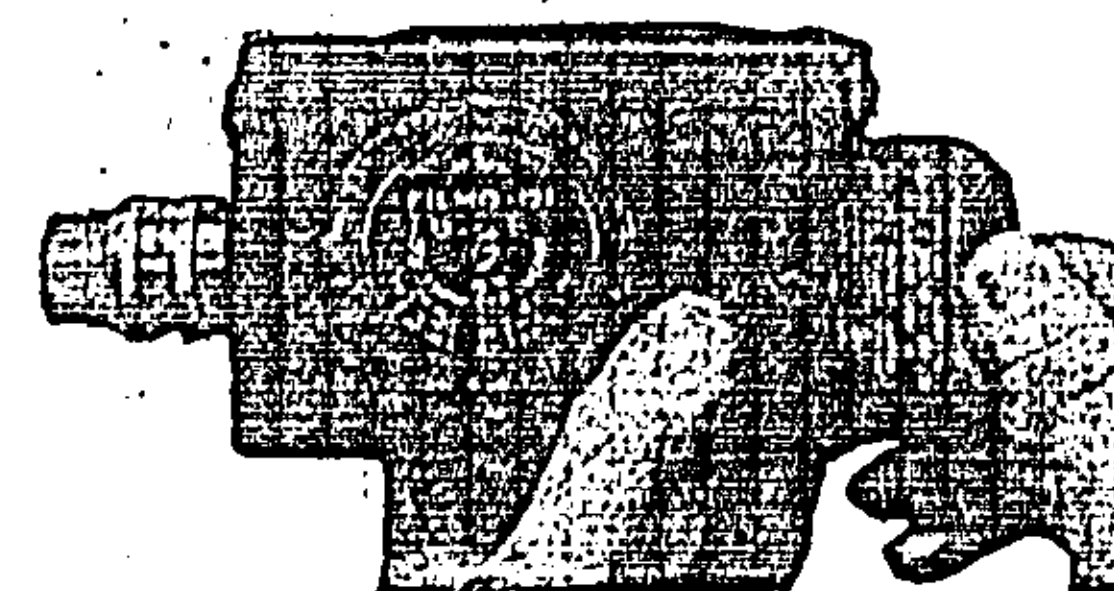
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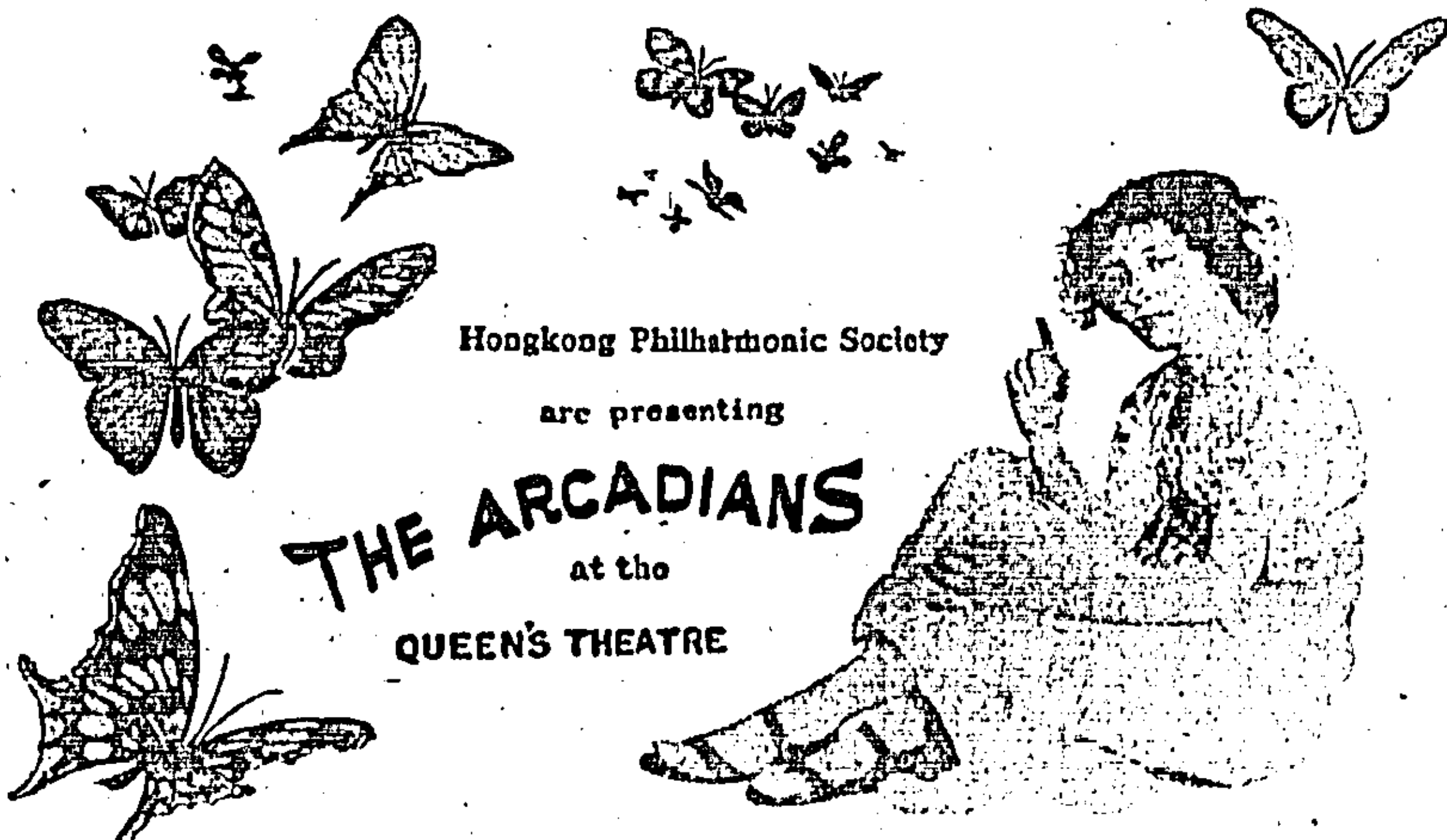
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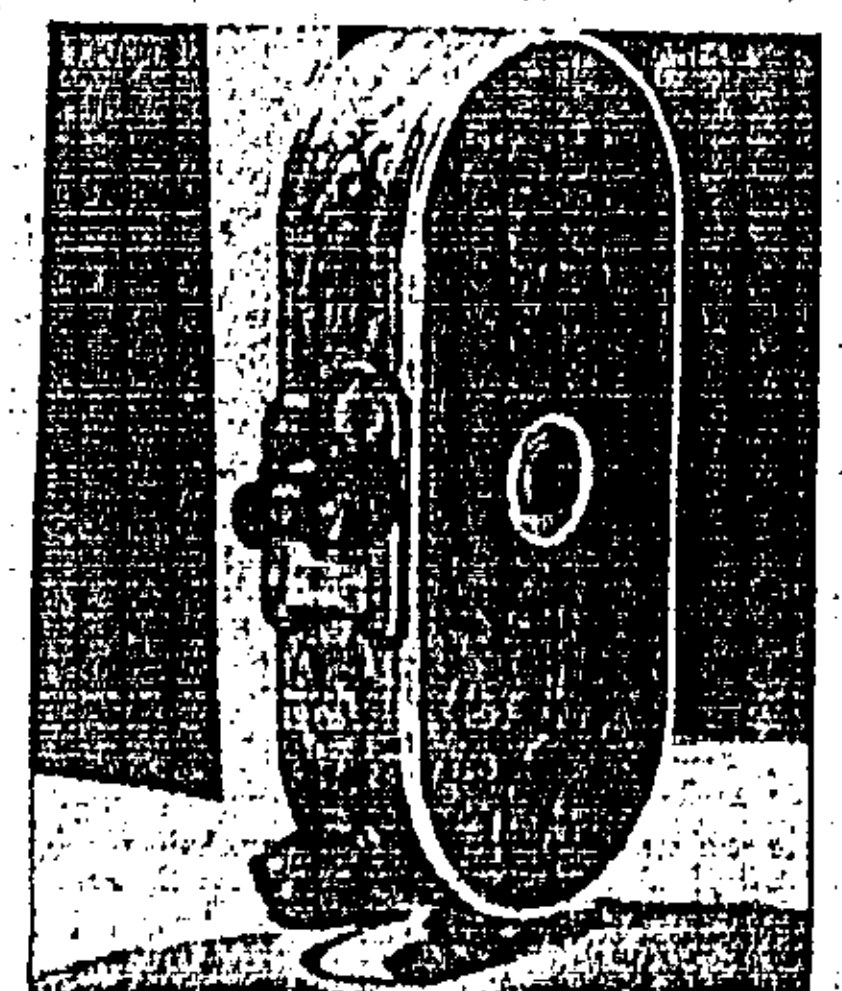
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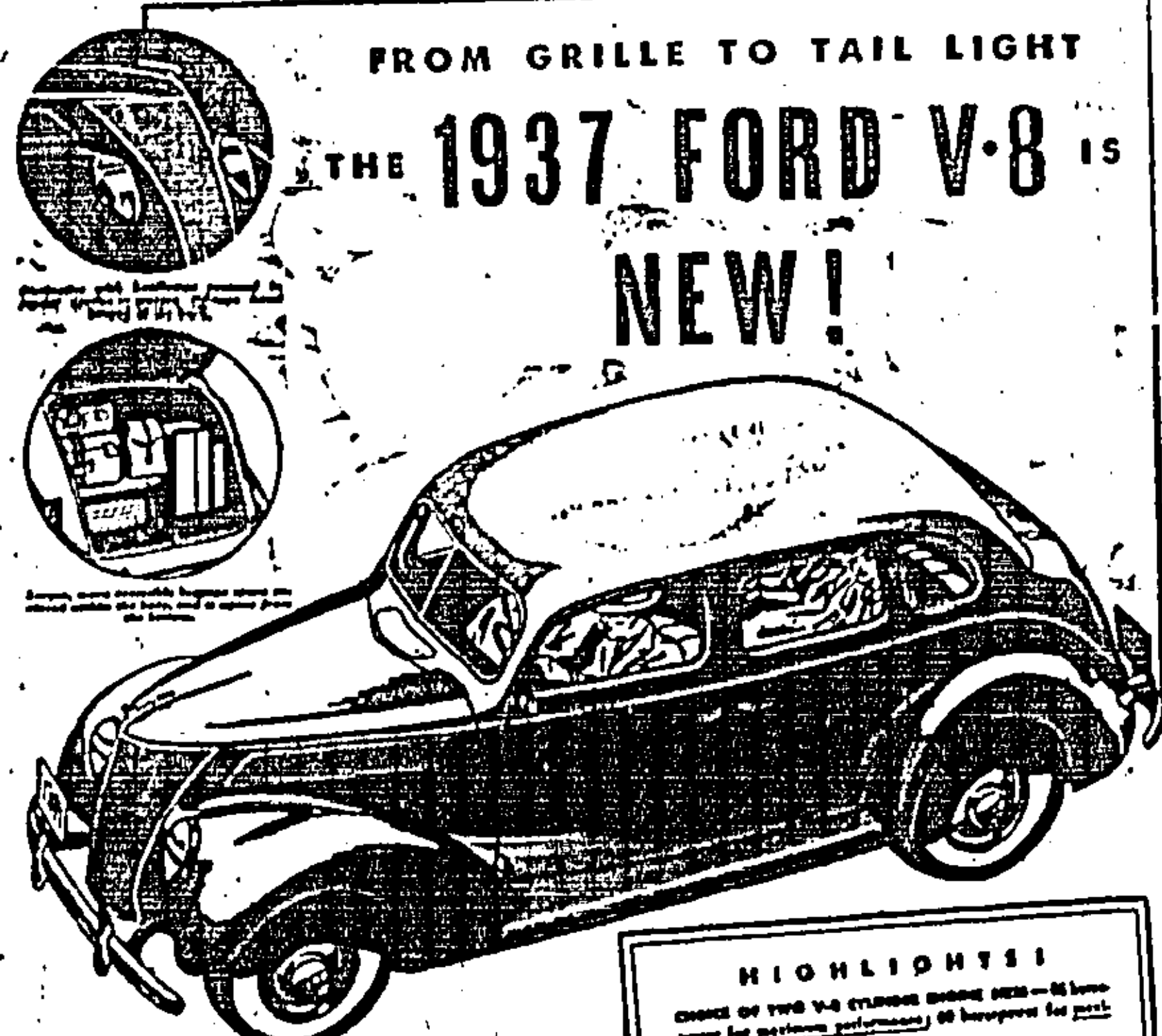
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DANGEROUS INCIDENTS.

It seems that Japanese sailors landed at Blackhead Point on Saturday night. The Hongkong Government has sent to London a report on the matter, and in due course there will probably come from the British Government a fitting protest for this breach. While undue importance must not be attached to the episode, as it is very likely that the Japanese were not aware that they were invading neutral territory, it must be pointed out that more caution would be advisable on the part of naval landing parties in the Hongkong area. An extremely delicate situation might very easily be created by such mistakes, particularly if an armed party came into collision with a British police or military patrol. The status of the Japanese under such circumstances would be somewhat dubious. It must be presumed that they would be arrested; and it is entirely likely that they would deeply resent any such action by the British authorities. One cannot help feeling that although Hongkong people will not experience any tremendous indignation at this incident, the Japanese themselves would understand a storm of protest and complaint. If British seamen were to land on Formosa their presence would undeniably create the gravest of complications. When it is remembered with what jealousy Japan guards her territory and the adjacent waters, particularly those areas in the vicinity of fortifications, it would not be misunderstood if an apology and explanation were proffered even before the inevitable protest is delivered.

In connection with the attacks on British vessels in the Yangtze River, in one instance at least the Japanese have explained that the action of the gunners was "a mistake." They have not indicated whether the aircraft which three times attacked two gunboats were aware that their targets were British men-of-war, but it seems incredible that the airmen should have been ignorant of the fact. Explanations of all these incidents will be made in due course, but in the meantime British lives are in danger and the question of what steps should be taken to remedy the situation presses for an answer. The British Navy's response to future attacks by aircraft will be immediate. The ships will open fire. Perhaps if one of the attackers is put out of action by British gunners it will have the effect of making Japanese airmen more cautious. No repetition of the Panay tragedy is required to bring home to all parties the terrible danger to which neutrals are exposed in the Yangtze and the possibility of international repercussions.

Miss Shirley Temple earns 20 times as much as Mr. Eden...



I HAD a sinking feeling when I opened the mail recently and saw a bunch of Shirley Temple pictures airmailed from the coast.

Suddenly a thing was made clear to me and I could see a vista down the years.

Shirley Temple as a baby in "Little Miss Marker."

Shirley Temple as a little girl in "Stowaway."

Shirley Temple as a BIT BIGGER girl in "Wee Willie Winkie."

SHIRLEY TEMPLE AS A SCHOOLGIRL IN "REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM."

SHIRLEY TEMPLE IS PLAYING INGENUE LEAD IN SOME JANET GAYNOR OPUS IN 1940.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE RE-VIVING KNOCKABOUT MATRIMONY (Myrna Loy style) IN 1945....

There's no end to it. I have a feeling I shall fetch up in some television cinema, when I am very old, to find Shirley Temple, looking like Beryl Mercer, playing "Over the Hill" and going to the workhouse with a better grace than any workhouse was ever gone to before.

It is simply this question of manners that scares me. I find I leave this young woman's films feeling like a tramp, feeling I haven't any crease to my trousers, feeling that I beat my wife. And I have stopped beating my wife.

THE manners of this child are so good I haven't a doubt they are going to have a huge effect on the next generation.

We shall look around us in 1950 and find a world, not polluted by roving hordes of bandits,

as Mr. Wells believes, but by a pacific and exalted collection of peoples all practising an exaggerated form of Oriental courtesy and looking on the bright side of things.

And little Shirley Temple will be queen-empress of the lot.

Never once on the screen have I seen this plump young woman asked to do anything that merited a hairbrush or a harsh word. Nor, it seems, is it any different in her off-duty moments.

Let us consult Mr. Trevor Wignall, who is a middle-aged bachelor, a Celt and sentimental. What sort of a kid did you find her, when you saw her in Hollywood?

The naturalist kind of a kid, says Trevor. She treated me just as any kid would treat an elderly bachelor. Held my hand, climbed all over me, gave me a kiss, took me out to see the rabbits and didn't seem to have the slightest idea that she is world-famous. If she has any such idea, she's the greatest

actress the world has ever known.

You see? It's baffling. I am having my manners dictated to me. I am forced to sit by and watch a new generation growing up with manners ready made for them by a kid who climbs all over Trevor Wignall, shows him her rabbits and doesn't know she's famous.

THE question of conduct is made more sharply provocative by the delightful decline in adult manners on the screen of recent years.

Even Mr. Colman is willing these days to admit the possibility that he might be a cad. I saw a new picture of his on Tuesday afternoon in which he had to say to Madeleine Carroll these magnificent words:—

"Don't look now, or I may forget that I am supposed to be a king!"

I think there's a nice homey touch about that. And I like, too, to see pictures where Mr. Frederic March is clipping Carole Lombard on the jaw, or Myrna Loy turns heel over tilted nose with a lot of Christ-mas parcels.

Pictures like that make me feel my manners aren't so bad after all. But Shirley Temple pictures make me feel low.

MASTER Freddie Bartholomew makes me feel low, too. And lower still, with the suspicion that this Shirley Temple thing may not be a phenomenon, but a conspiracy.

Master Bartholomew now earns £19,000 a year.

And I was reading yesterday how he was at a party and saw that brilliant London actor, Miles Mander, sitting around. So Mr.

Bartholomew goes up to Mr. Mander and puts his hand on his shoulder and says, "Working, old man?"

I have the same worry on my mind that John Knox had when he wrote about his monstrous regiment of women. I have a feeling that I am being marched on by battalions of child prodigies.

It is clear that there is an uneasiness abroad about the whole thing. A few months ago a London news editor instructed his New York correspondent to investigate a credible rumour that Shirley Temple is really a dwarf, aged forty-five.

And last week I was reading a silly but most serious article in a weekly by a writer who is convinced that the child is nothing but a miniature Mae West.

Both these I regard as signs of a fear complex among the adult classes; as desperate, involuntary rearward actions against the onslaught of the children.

I have a friend called Mr. Budgeon who works in the City, and every time he sees me he says, "Can you tell me why Shirley Temple earns ten times as much as Anthony Eden?" As though I was responsible.

I always have to buy him a drink and explain that Shirley Temple earns TWENTY times as much as Anthony Eden because more than twenty times as many people want to see her, and that whereas Mr. Eden's job is very difficult and he makes some mistakes, Miss Temple's is comparatively simple, and she makes none. He is still suspicious.

But while I sympathise with his alarm, my greater concern is with the millions of children throughout the world who all want to be like Shirley Temple, mum. Anything may happen to them.

Last term, my son (rising nine) came home from boarding school with a good report. I was scared; the enemy was closing in on me. I counter-attacked.

"Do you like Shirley Temple?" I asked him, very casually.

"No; she's too fat. I prefer Ginger Rogers," said my son. Thank heaven for that.

—Paul
 Holt

This Chart Shows the Dangerous Marriage

THREE new Divorce Court judges are to be appointed to deal with divorces resulting from the A. P. Herbert Marriage Act, which comes into force on January 1.

Divorce arrears have been piling up for some time. There are 2,000 cases to be heard at the Law Courts this term.

In England and Wales we have more than 5,000 marriages dissolved a year—as compared with 350,000 marriages. So you see that as things stand the chance that your marriage will end in failure is about 1.4 per cent.

This chart shows which are the danger years for married couples.

Of the dissolutions—

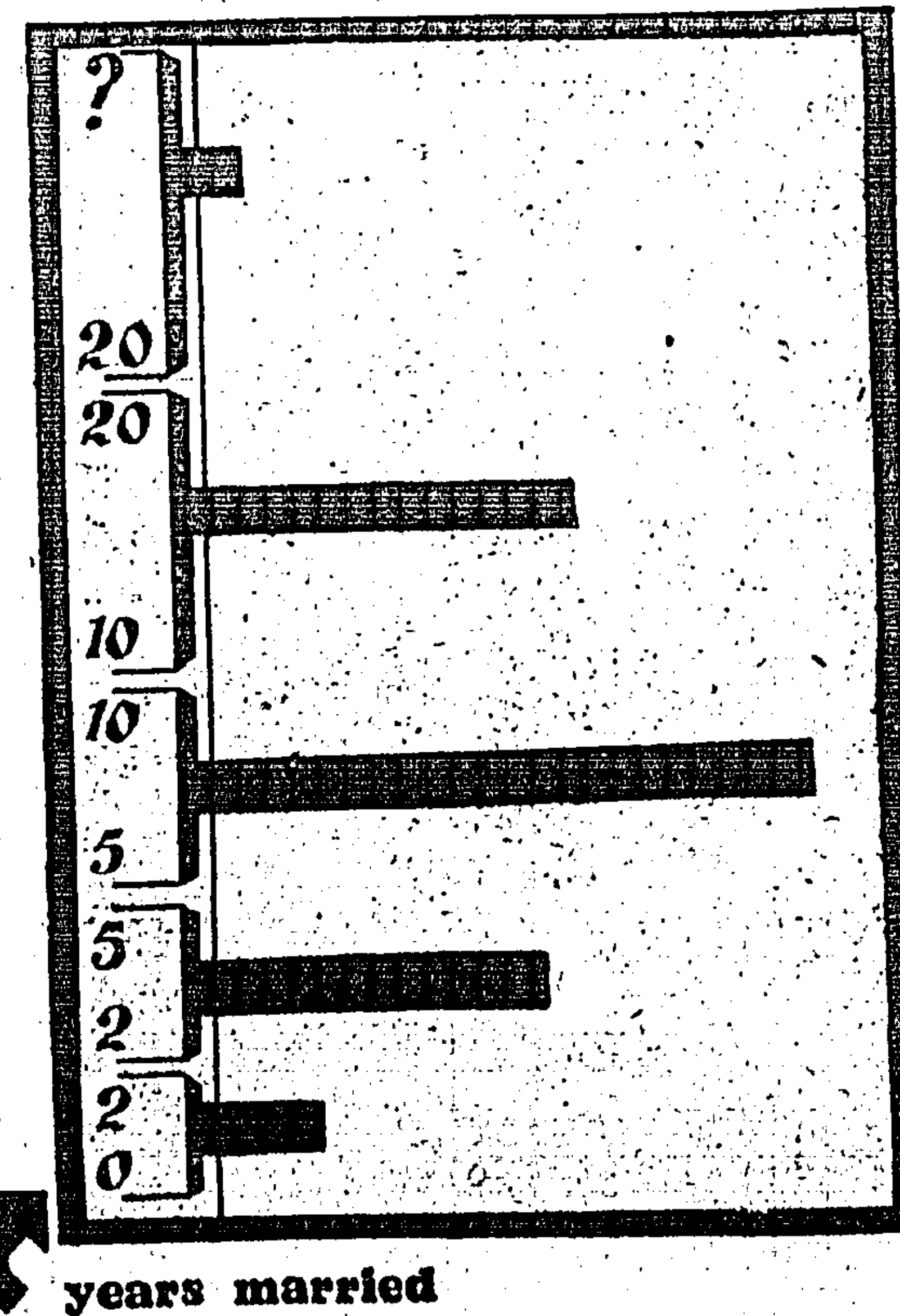
1 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted less than two years.

11 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted between two and five years.

33 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted between five and ten years.

41 per cent. take place after (Continued on Page 4.)

give rise to the suspicion that while the official intentions of the Japanese are above question, the actions of certain officers are dubious to say the least. The recklessness of individuals, if it is not downright and deliberate hostility, has already caused incidents which might very easily be interpreted as acts of war.



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NATION TREATS PANAY BOMBING WITH CAUTION

Borah Sees Nothing In Incident To Call For Any Drastic Action

BUT PITTMAN DECLARES IT IS INTOLERABLE

Washington, Dec. 13.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has prepared vigorous representations to be presented to Japan regarding the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay in the Yangtse on Sunday. Mr. Hull held conference with a group of Far eastern advisers before drafting his protest.

There is no indication at present whether the representations will include demands for indemnity covering the cost of the Panay and suitable compensation for the casualties involved.

Before despatching his note Mr. Hull is expected to confer with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

DEMANDS SWIFT APOLOGY

Washington Press Impatient Of Procrastination

Grudging Excuses Will Not Do

Washington, Dec. 13. A warning to Japan to make her apology for the Panay incident wholeheartedly and speedily is given by the Washington press, which says there will be little disposition on the part of the United States to wait as long as Britain did for an explanation of the Japanese bombing of her Ambassador, or to be content with as grudging and half-hearted an apology as London was willing to accept.

The sinking of the Panay and the oil tankers can have only deplorable consequences if Japan, by failing adequately to atone for her misdeeds, adds arrogance to the injury.

To tolerate such conduct by marauders who were now putting China to sword and flame would be to stamp with approval Japan's whole campaign of brigandage and international lawlessness.—*Reuter*.

"LE TEMPS" CRITICAL
Paris, Dec. 13. "If the facts as related by telegrams from the Far East are true, they describe an illegal action which could not be allowed in any organized society or civilized state," says *Le Temps* in a leader dealing with the Japanese attacks on foreign shipping. "The latest incidents at Nanking are of a particularly grave nature as it is a question of real acts of hostility against British and American warships without any provocation on their part. It is understandable that a warlike act against the gunboat Panay should cause the greatest concern in Washington."

PREMEDITATED ACTS?
The leader adds that there is reason to believe the incidents were pre-meditated acts on the part of certain Japanese forces, and declares that British, American and French warships have absolute right to be in the Yangtse. The Governments principally interested in Far Eastern affairs had given sufficient proof of goodwill for it to be impossible to suspect them of wanting to use the present crisis as a pretext for checking Japan and forcing her into a general war.

The leader concludes with a warning to Japan, against taking action which could not be allowed by Powers who have any sense of their dignity and duty in protecting foreign nationals.—*Reuter*.

Support Ready

Paris, Dec. 13. M. de Tessan, French Foreign Under-Secretary received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, to-day and it is understood they discussed the Yangtse incidents. Political circles believe that France and Britain will support America, but at present are waiting to see definitely what she intends to do.—*Reuter*.

ENGLAND'S 20,000,000 GAS MASKS

Record In Mass Production

London, Dec. 13. During the debate in the House of Lords on the Air Raid Precautions Bill the Air Minister Viscount Swinton, referring to anti-gas precaution work already accomplished, said a school for instruction in Gloucestershire had been turning out instructed persons at the rate of 120 per month. A second school would shortly be established in the neighbourhood of York.

Some 200,000 volunteers had already been instructed in anti-gas measures. In addition, every policeman in the regular forces has also been trained, as well as a very large number of the special constabulary. A special system of training had been instituted for doctors and something like 10,000 doctors and 10,000 nurses had been instructed as to how to give medical treatment in gas cases.

It was essential to prevent anything in the nature of panic in the work of giving security and this he thought had been achieved.

Referring to the provision of respirators he said that in July last year the old cotton mill was taken over on the principle of the "shadow factory" for making of gas masks. This factory had produced 20,000,000 gas masks or respirators and he believed Britain was the only country that had so developed mass production of gas masks on such a scale. Arrangements had also been made for providing 12 central store depots which would each hold something like 3,000,000 gas masks. Five of these depots were already in existence.—*British Wireless*.

Japanese Buy Much Oil From Borneo

Not All Facts Are Available

London, Dec. 13. Japanese imports of petroleum were the subject of a question in the House of Commons by Col. H. W. Burton (Cons.), and in reply Captain Edwin Wallace, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, stated that according to Japanese official trade statistics, Japanese imports of crude and refined petroleum for 12 months ended July 1937 totaled 1,102,500,000 gallons of which 62,800,000 were recorded as imported from British Borneo.

Imports, if any, from other British countries were relatively unimportant. Direct purchases of petroleum on the State account by service departments were not included in these statistics. Separate particulars of imports of petroleum had not appeared in the Japanese monthly trade returns since last July.—*Reuter*.

ITALIAN CHARGE RIDICULED

London, Dec. 13. Replying to a question whether he was aware of a statement published in the Government-controlled Italian press that Britain intends to annex the Azores Islands, now Portuguese territory, Mr. Anthony Eden said, "I am aware of the publication of the statement but I am confident it will be everywhere recognized that no significance need be attached to fantastic statements of this kind because they are entirely devoid of foundation. In my view fabrications of this kind, only do harm to the people who make them."—*British Wireless*.

full compensation, apologies and guarantees against a repetition of such an attack.—*Reuter*.

President's Dictation

Washington, Dec. 13. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, personally presented to Mr. Hiroto, the Japanese Ambassador, a protest concerning the sinking of the Panay, which President Roosevelt personally dictated and handed to Mr. Hull.

The memorandum stated: "Please tell the Japanese Ambassador when you see him at 1 o'clock that the President is deeply shocked and concerned about the news of the indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels in the Yangtse, and that he requests the Emperor of Japan be so advised. Secondly, that he requests that all the facts be assembled and shortly presented by the Japanese Government."

Thirdly, he expresses the hope that in the meantime the Japanese Government will consider definitely the presentation to this Government of full expression of regret and a proffer of full compensation, and methods guaranteeing against a repetition of any similar attack in the future."

This memorandum was signed "Franklin D. Roosevelt" and was the second protest within 24 hours, a cable having previously been sent to the U.S. Ambassador in Tokyo to present to Mr. Koki Hirota.—*United Press*.

Convictions Quashed

Magistrate's Ruling In Several Cases Upset On Appeal

Convicted Men Set Free

An appeal against a conviction by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's Court on November 9, was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Court of Appeal this morning. The appellant, Yip Ken-chuen, alias Li Yau-sing, 48, was charged at the Magistrate's Court with having attempted to obtain \$1,000 by false pretences, between September 9 and 11, from Chan Chun-yin, of No. 4 Yot Road, Kowloon Tong, by sending her a letter purporting to be written by her husband in Honolulu advising her to pay \$1,000 to Li Yau-sing, of No. 65 Wing Lok Street, as settlement of an account between his uncle and Chan's husband. He was convicted of the charge, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the appellant, while Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, was for the Crown.

The Hon. Mr. D'Almada said the appeal was made on the grounds of insufficient evidence. The evidence adduced by the Crown was that the woman Chan received a letter purporting to be from her husband in Honolulu telling her to pay a sum of money to Li Yau-sing. She went to the address given in company with two other women and interviewed the defendant there. She later received a subsequent letter from Li Yau-sing, and took the police to arrest him.

There was nothing to prove that appellant pretended he was authorized by Wong Kwai-lung, Chan's husband, to receive the money, neither was there proof that he wrote the second letter which was purported to have been signed by him. The Crown, he admitted, had proved that the letter from Honolulu was a forgery, and also that Li admitted he was Li.

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION

Mr. Kwan had appeared for appellant at the Magistrate's Court and had submitted he had no case to answer. In reply to that, the Magistrate held there was a case to answer and said that it was not necessary for the prosecution to prove that defendant had forged the letter from Honolulu. He also held that there was sufficient prima facie evidence that defendant had represented himself to be authorized by Wong to receive the money.

The highest the Crown could put their case, counsel submitted, was that defendant represented himself to be authorized by the uncle and not by Wong. Defendant had been used as an innocent tool. Counsel submitted that the conviction should be quashed.

Mr. Williams said he had nothing to say, as he could not support the decision of the Magistrate.

SECOND APPEAL

A second appeal against convictions by the same Magistrate at the Central Magistrate's Court on November 9, was then heard before the Chief Justice. Appellants were Yip Ken-chuen, alias Li Yau-sing, and Tsui Kwong-yun, convicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud by stealing goods in the course of transit for the purpose of obtaining money by false pretences. Both were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for appellants, and Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, was for the Crown.

Li Yau-sing was alleged to have sent a letter to Tin Yung-pang, of No. 74 Apiti Street, first floor, purporting to be written by Tin's friend, Ng Fu, in Ocean Island advising him to pay a sum of approximately \$500, which was held for him by Tin, to defendant. He was further alleged to have written a letter to Chan Chun-yin, married woman, of No. 4 York Road, Kowloon Tong, requesting her to pay him \$1,000. This letter was purported to have been written by the woman's husband in Honolulu.

Tsui Kwong-yun was alleged to have sent a letter to Kwan Hong-ki, of No. 7 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, purporting to be written by Kwan's friend in Sydney, instructing him to pay \$1,500 to Chan Ming-cho, of No. 62 Des Voeux Road West, first floor.

The Hon. Mr. D'Almada said the appeal in this case was also on the grounds of insufficient evidence. There were originally other men charged with the defendants against whom the police did not proceed and they were accordingly discharged by the Magistrate, except for one, who jumped his bail. Counsel submitted that throughout the evidence adduced by the Crown, there was nothing to entitle the Magistrate to find any common design, concert or agreement. The Crown had proved, or thought it had proved, only that there were two attempts to victimise and one actual case of

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7.30 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.55 Studio—Eva Turner (Soprano) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. Spring (Handel); 2. The Chestnut Tree; 3. Dedication (Schumann) Piano Interlude; 4. Sweet chance that led my steps (Michael Head); 5. Sweet Suffolk Owl (Elizabeth Poston); 6. The Lover's Mazer; 7. Rest sweet Nymphs (Peter Warlock).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Nura Kanis (Piano) playing Schumann's "Carnaval".

8.25 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Deutschnestler Regimental March (Jurek); Spring's Delight—March—Intermezzo (Albott); Mighty Lak' A Rose; The Rosary (Nevin); Salut D'Amour (Elgar); I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolph); Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr); Love's Old Sweet Song (Malloy); Polpourri Of Waltzes, No. 3 (Robrecht).

8.55 London Relay—The Birthday Of His Majesty King George VI. Salute of guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.

9.10 London Relay—Military Band Music.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Dance Records.

Fox-Trot—On Your Toes; There's A Small Hotel (film "On Your Toes"); Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Funky Panto Arenas (Codevilla); San Fernando (Codevilla); Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I Need You; Novelty Fox-Trot—Dancing Moth... Jay Wilbur and His Band; Quick-Step—I Wasn't Lying When I Said "I Love You"; Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In The Moon... Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

10.15 London Relay—"Entertainment At St. George's" 1867-1937.

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11.15 Close Down.

attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

NO CONNECTION

The letter purporting to have been written from Ocean Island had not been proved a forgery by the Crown. There was nothing to support it, and there was no evidence to prove that Mr. Edwards had authorized anyone to collect the money. Regarding the letter written to Kwan Hong-ki, there was nothing to connect Li Yau-sing with it, neither was there anything to connect Tsui Kwong-yun with it or suggest that he had conspired with Chan Ming-cho to perpetrate the fraud.

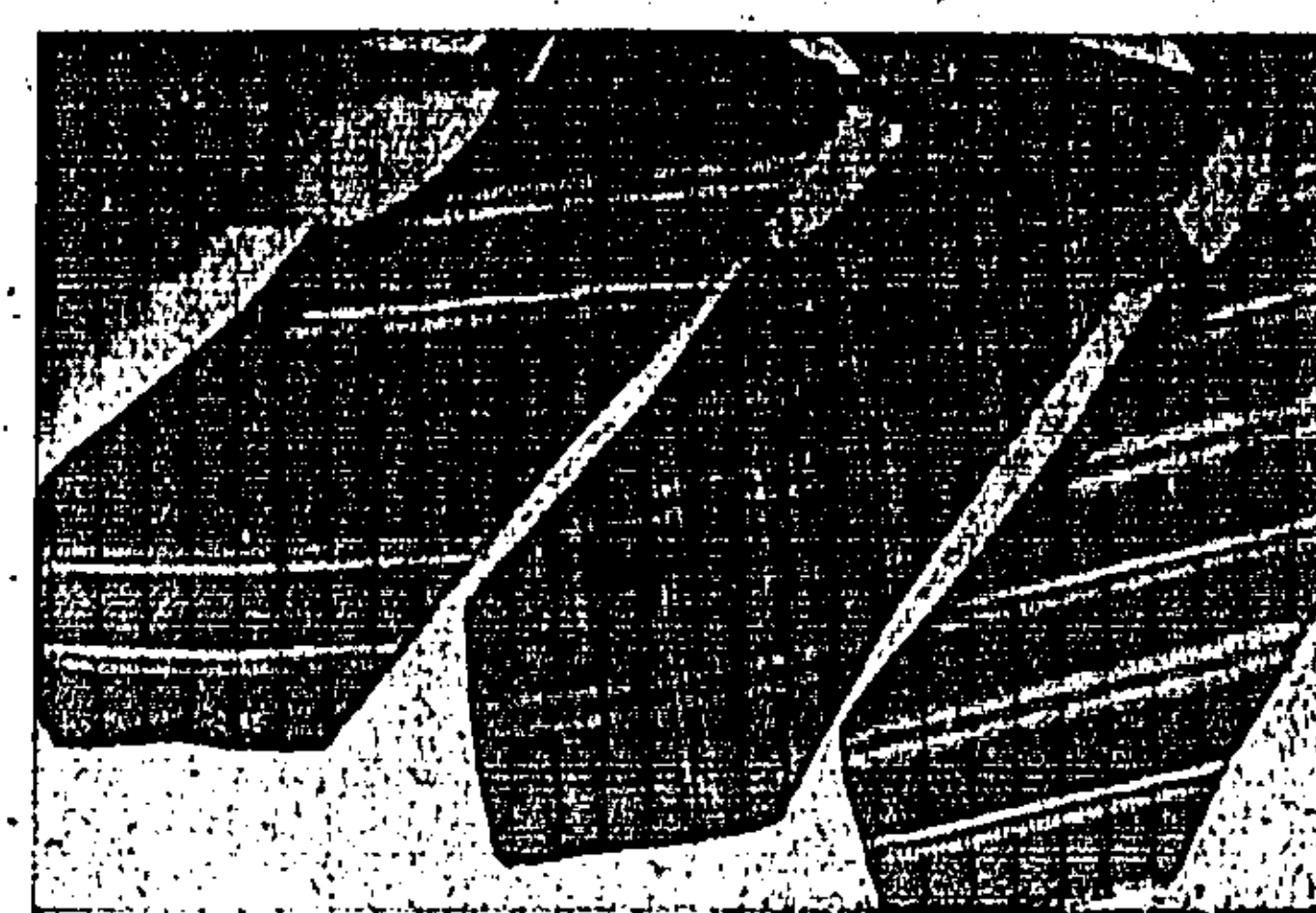
The Magistrate in his reasons for holding that defendants had a case to answer, appeared to attach some importance to the presence of second appellant in the floor where Kwan had visited. In the letter written to the woman Chan, there was no proof of first appellant's handwriting. In the Ocean Island letter, there was no proof of fraud, but because of its similarity to the other two the Magistrate held against defendant.

Counsel submitted that there was nothing to connect the Sydney case with the other two. The association of the two appellants in something proper led the Magistrate to believe they were associated in the alleged fraud. There was no evidence at all on which the Magistrate was entitled to infer a common criminal purpose. The general impression of fraud had confused the Magistrate and had tended to lead him to forget real charges of fraud. Counsel submitted that the convictions should therefore be quashed.

Mr. Williams, in reply, submitted that there was sufficient evidence to show fraud.

His Lordship, in quashing the convictions, said that whatever justification there might have been on the evidence in the direction of registering a conviction against any of the defendants, he could find no justification for the grounds on which the Magistrate chose to stand. He could not put it any higher than a slight suspicion against the appellants. The convictions were quashed. Both men were immediately set free.

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Cricket Notes

Kowloon C.C.

Surprised
By I.R.C.A REVIEW OF JUNIOR
LEAGUE MATCHES

(By "R. Abbit")

When in last Friday's article I referred to the recent improvement of the I.R.C. second eleven and warned Kowloon not to be too confident, I confess I did not think that the odds against a Kowloon defeat were less than ten to one. But in the game last Saturday at the K.C.C. the home side were definitely and decidedly beaten by what was a far better side, and as before, I. Ali had a very large share in the victory of his team.

I myself cannot call to mind that he has played any League cricket before this season—but he has obviously been well taught to play the game somewhere. His batting is definitely stylish, and if it is a bit slow, this is a fault he will mend later, I have no doubt. The only thing I don't quite like is a defensive back shot which, though giving the effect of a straight bat with the left elbow up, actually is played with a flourish or twist of the wrists which causes the bat to travel across the line of the ball from off to leg in a sort of pendulum motion.

K.C.C.'s POOR SHOW

The home side have little excuse, as they won the toss and had first use of a wicket which was a very good one as far as could be seen. The opening pair, Dand and Mulcahy made quite a fair start putting up 25 for the first wicket. But thereafter McKenzie alone played a decent knock though Hall and Gray got double figures and made it possible for the side to send up the hundred. The strength of the Kowloon batting was, on paper, undoubtedly but they seem to have struck the same patch in which the first eleven bats are stuck. Baxter, who is a very useful bat, is out of form at present, and the two Broadbridges only managed seven runs between them. Three other batsmen only collected eight and the result was not good.

When the Indians started their innings it looked for a short time as if they might lose the game after all as they opened slowly. Several leg balls which should have gone for four were either missed or put away for one, and they paid great respect to the not very dangerous looking deliveries of Luke and McKenzie. The latter was over-pitching them a good deal on the off and a hard-hitting batsman would have punished him heavily. I fancy, however, he got in one good length ball and Rumlala played outside it and was bowled. This was just after Barma had entirely mistimed a simple off ball from Luke and presented mid-off with the simplest of catches. Two were down for ten and a Kowloon win seemed possible if they could prevent Ali from setting down.

A LONG STAND

This, however, they could not do and he and M. I. Razack settled down.

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BADMINTON
LEAGUE
TIESUniversity "B"
Success

Only two matches were played in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last evening.

After three defeats, University "B" won their first League points by beating Recreio "B" at King's Park by six games to three. The tie was fixed to be played at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium, but was played at the Recreio on the request of the undergraduates.

As expected, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat St. Andrew's, conceding one game.

LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
University "A"	3	3	0	0	25	2	0
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	0	23	4	0
Chinese "A"	4	3	1	0	28	10	6
King's College	3	1	2	0	10	17	2
University "B"	4	1	3	0	13	23	2
St. Andrew's	5	1	4	0	10	35	2
Recreio "B"	4	1	3	0	10	26	2

or after January 8 and I gather fleet movements may upset their side a bit. They could do with one more good 'stock' bowler anyway.

On Saturday last they were up against the not very strong Army "B" side (I have an idea Camp does not help some of the Army teams)—and won very convincingly. The Army started well enough as Painter (23) and Smith (29) put up about 50 for the first wicket but after that except Farnham (29) of assistance from the others the latter proceeded to take most of the burden on his own shoulders and hit up an excellent seventy not out. The game was won by six wickets with plenty of time in hand. Just after the winning hit, D'Arcy Evans was smartly caught at the wicket.

CLUB ARRESTED BY POLICE

The progress of the H.K.C.C. in the League was rudely arrested by the Police who won convincingly on the Club ground. It is, however, only fair to mention that the first eleven had taken off Swain and J. R. Way to fill up their all too depleted ranks. The Police with Hunter and W. Clarke as top scorers compiled the not very large total of 124. Divett did best of the six bowlers tried with four for thirty-two. For the Club, King got 26 but the next five batsmen failed—as did three more later and Divett (15) and Bond (23) alone got double figures. The fact that these three men scored 64 out of the Club's total of 88 is a useful commentary on the general weakness of the batting. By the way, I was rather surprised to see Stoker went in last. My recollection is that he has in the past played some hard slashing innings and is quite capable of knocking bowlers off their length. Or is this part of the Far-Eastern Amnesia that is rapidly falling upon me? Anyway some such person would have been useful to the Club as Pope and Baker walked through most of them and Carey tried at the last, got a couple of quick wickets. Pope is in great form this season and Baker seems to be coming back to form.

CIVIL SERVICE DEFEAT
SAPPERS

Owing to misunderstanding with the cricket representative of the I.R.C., who was, I believe, out in camp, it was only at 12 o'clock on Saturday that their captain (Hod-dinot, I think) learned that a game had been arranged. He himself, I regret to hear, is laid up with a poisoned foot but he very sporting undertook to raise a team and he managed to collect ten men. The first three wickets went down rapidly and after Baker, who had bowled very well with the new ball, was taken off McEllan got a couple of quick wickets and five wickets were down for 16. However, Tudor, Dawson and Bradford all managed to get some runs and showed greater par-

ST. JOSEPH'S
HOLDS UP
H.K. POLICEExciting Hockey
Encounter

Playing their second match yesterday St. Joseph's College met and drew with the Police in a fast and exciting hockey encounter, each side scoring three goals.

K. Singh and A. Sequeira were the pick of forward line for the College, the former supplying many beautiful passes down the wing. Ramben, at centre forward, also shone, while the backs came to the fore with some good hitting.

A few minutes after the game commenced, the police found the net through Marwant Singh, their outside-left, and ten minutes later they again scored from a short corner, the ball going to Marwant who netted once again with a nice drive. The third goal was scored by their centre-forward at the closing stages of the first half.

Beginning the second half with three goals down, the College boys opened strongly and took the ball to the Police area, forcing a short corner, which resulted in Ramben netting well. Soon after, K. Singh scored with a grand flick shot.

Spurred on by their success, the schoolboys made brilliant dashes down the field, tricking the Police players time and again to finally gain the equalising goal through Ramben.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held in the Board room of the South China Morning Post at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

Quality for the slower bowlers, Wood and Richardson, Bradford at end hit well and the score finally reached 122. I have not yet managed to discover the origin of the rumour that Hawkins bowled three overs to start with for the Civil Service. He did not go on at all.

The Civil Service batsmen however, were too good for the Sappers' bowling. Richardson and Wood were not seeing them and were caught at cover point off what I have heard described as an almighty swipe. After his duck, however, Colledge and Perry sent up the hundred before the Sappers were finally thrown out by cover point. Perry retired at 50 and McEllan had a merry time, with Barrow getting some batting practice at the other end.

The game may have been rather one-sided but in these days of amazing cricket apathy it is most pleasant to record the thoroughly sporting effort of the Sappers who with half of their men in camp raised the team between 12 noon and 2 p.m. They made a very good fight of it too, for the Civil Service were at full strength with the exception of Griffiths whose hand is not quite fit yet.

LOW SCORING AT C.C.C.

I do not know what has happened to all the batting in the Colony but it is perfectly amazing what small scores are being recorded this season. At Craigengower the first eleven, which seemed as far as I could see to be at full strength, only managed 80 runs against the Club de Recreio. However, it was very nearly enough, for it was only a most useful 39 by E. L. Gosano and 19 not out by A. M. Rodrigues that enabled the visitors to bring their total to 83. They also seemed to be at full strength, possibly with one exception, and I have heard no explanation for it.

There is no space to deal with the other matches in this article but I must take this opportunity of expressing my regret—and I feel sure all cricketers will join me—at the untimely death of A. B. Dale. I believe he had played for the first Navy team on occasion but he was a regular member of the Navy second team. He was a very useful bowler and he would be greatly missed in the cricket field here.

THIRD
ROUND OF
F.A. CUPChelsea Omitted
From Cable

In cabling the draw in the third round of the English F. A. Cup, Reuter has omitted Chelsea from the list.

Chelsea more than likely is among the first dozen teams. The draw, as cabled by Reuter, is as follows:

Grimsby v. Swindon	Doncaster
Sheffield United	Crystal Palace
Liverpool	Brentford
Fulham	Everton
Derby	Sloke
Bury v. South	Liverpool or Brighton
Aldershot	v. Bolton County
Arsenal	v. Bolton
Sunderland	v. Watford
Swansea	v. Wolves
Southend	v. Barnsley
Millwall	v. Manchester C.
Tottenham	v. Blackburn
Tranmere	v. Portsmouth
Bradford C.	v. Chesterfield
Notts F.	v. Southampton
Clapton O.	v. Coventry
or York	v. Newcastle
West Brom.	v. Yeovil & Peters
Manchester U.	v. Chester
Leeds	v. Cardiff
Charlton	or Bristol C.
Mansfield or	v. Leicester
Lincoln	v. Newport
Bradford	v. Hull
Huddersfield	v. Stockport
Middlesbrough	v. Burnley
Sheffield Wed.	v. Blackpool
Birmingham	v. Blackpool
Crewe or	v. Plymouth
N. Brighton	v. Aston Villa
Norwich	v. West Ham
Scarborough	v. Luton

Move For
Brighter
Cricket

London, Nov. 23.
Drawn matches will not pay in next season's Australian test tour of England.

The first big move for brighter cricket was made this week when the Board of Control decided that if England or Australia lead by no more than one of the four-day tests when the final game is due at the Oval, that match will be played to a finish.

Previously it paid a side leading by two to play for a draw in the fourth test to prevent a decider in the final test. Here is the new rule compared with that in force in the 1934 series.

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Commenting on the new regulation, a prominent M.C.C. official said: "The change will prevent a repetition of the happenings in 1935, when South Africa won the second test at Lord's and concentrated on drawing the next two."

Profits from last season's Test matches against New Zealand and the Test trial match resulted in a distributable surplus of £22,000. Approximately £200 and £10 17s. will go to each minor county.

Incidentally, arrangements have been made for the Oxford and Cambridge match next season to begin on a Saturday. The change is to be regarded as an experiment, as a Sunday, with a possibility of rain, since the game has been begun, has never been considered quite fair.

The dates fixed for next year's match are July 2, 4 and 6.

CEYLONESE CRICKET
TEAM FOR MALAYA
FAMOUS PLAYERS AMONG
SELECTED SIDE

Singapore, Dec. 2.

It is now certain that a team of Ceylonese cricketers of very high standard will visit Malaya in the spring.

Discussions have been proceeding for some time and have finally resulted in definite arrangements for a tour by a team sailing from Colombo on April 10, and leaving Malaya on May 4, giving them almost three weeks in this country.

A famous player in Dr. Gunasekera will captain the team, which will include an Oxford Blue in F.C. de Saram and others who have won distinction in the game in England and Ceylon.

From the details given below of the nine players who have already signified their intention of making the trip it will be seen that the touring side will have an abundance of both batting and bowling talent, with several gifted all-rounders: Dr. C. H. Gunasekera: All-rounder and ex-Middlesex player.

F. C. de Saram: Oxford Blue.

R. Senanayake: Has played for All-Ceylon and scored well against the last M.C.C. side.

S. S. Jayawickreme: Opening severe bowler and the best batsman at present in Ceylon. He scored a century against an Indian team which included the test match bowlers Amar Singh and Nissar.

H. B. Kanangara: All-rounder and former vice-captain of the Sinhalese C.C., Ceylon.

B. E. R. Cooray: Wicket keeper and opening bat.

J. D. S. Gunasekera: Left-hand opening batsman, who generally opens for All-Ceylon; useful change bowler.

I. Rasanayagam: All-rounder who has played for the Indian Gymkhana Club.

J. H. de Silva: Played for Oxford University. A right-hand batsman and a left-hand bowler; has played for All-Ceylon.

S.C.C. ARRANGING FIXTURES

At the request of the organizers of the tour the itinerary is being sponsored by the Singapore Cricket Club who have offered the loan of the Club padding for all matches played in Singapore. The Club have also undertaken to negotiate with up-country clubs for fixtures to be fulfilled elsewhere.

It is hoped that the team will be equal if not superior in strength to this year's tourists under the captaincy of Sir Julien Cahn.

Most of the players are professional men but the team will be representative of Ceylon, though it will be unofficial.

During their stay in Malaya the Ceylonese cricketers will be the guests of a Singapore resident, who will be leaving for Colombo this month in order to finalise arrangements for the tour.

London, Nov. 23.
Nel Tarleton, former feather-weight champion, was badly hurt in a car crash in Queen's Drive, Liverpool, yesterday.

Tarleton, with Mr. Douglas Yendon, was driving when after striking a tree the car crashed into a lamp standard. The ex-champion's head hit the wind-screen and he was knocked unconscious.

In hospital he had to have eight stitches inserted in his forehead, and it is feared he has fractured a knee. Tarleton only recently recovered from double pneumonia.

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By Watchman

Followers of National Hunt racing are naturally interested in Roynolds' town, one of the few horses who have twice won the Grand National.

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"It would be too much to hope," adds Major Furlong, "that the luck would go Roynolds' town's way if he endeavoured to win yet another Grand National. I should lament to see him knocked over by a 10st horse or perhaps some other mishap occur to him in the race."

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QUESTIONS ON S'HAJ SITUATION

Eden Explains Japan Demand To House

London, Dec. 13. Lieut-Commander R. T. Fletcher (Lab.) asked a question in the House of Commons to-day in regard to the demands the Shanghai Municipal Council had received from the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply, said he was informed that on December 3 a Japanese representative handed to the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police a statement indicating that the Japanese military authorities reserve the right to take independent action in the Settlement without previous notice to the Council if the situation rendered it necessary. The Council referred the matter to the Consular body which, Mr. Eden understood, is now communicating with the Japanese authorities.

Lieut-Comdr. Fletcher asked through what channel His Majesty's Government communicates with the Shanghai Municipal Council with regard to action it considers the Council should take with regard to the demands formulated and the action taken by the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Eden, in a written reply, said the Council was an international organisation and any advice of the nature indicated would be communicated to it collectively by the Consular body through the senior Consul in Shanghai. Conversely, if the Council desired such advice it would refer to the Consular body through the senior Consul.—Reuter.

Rainfall Well Below Average

Temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory to-day was 67, one degree higher than the corresponding reading yesterday, and humidity was 84, 11 per cent. more.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day totalled 0.03 ins., giving an aggregate of 81.92 ins. since January 1 against an average of 84.52 ins.

The anticyclone has decreased considerably in intensity and now exists as a ridge of high pressure extending from the Yangtze Valley to the Pacific to the south of Japan. The China Sea depression is probably filling up to the south of the Paracels.

Local forecast:—North-east winds, fresh; cloudy.

ATTEMPTED INCEST CHARGED

Alvaro Antonio de Souza Remedios, aged 38, book-keeper of Waterloo Road, Kowloon, was charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with attempted incest. Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham prosecuted in the case and applied for a week's formal remand which was granted.

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NANKING RETREAT ORDERED

Fall Came After Stout Defence

No Thought Of Surrender

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Chinese defenders of Nanking, after withstanding intensive Japanese attacks for one week, were yesterday ordered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to withdraw.

The withdrawal was carried out in an orderly manner and completed shortly before yesterday evening, when the Japanese forces claimed to have "completely occupied" the former capital.

The fall of Nanking came exactly four months to the day since the outbreak of the hostilities in the Shanghai area.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a statement regarding the withdrawal of Chinese troops from Nanking, states that this does not materially affect the policy of the National Government to resist the Japanese troops to the bitter end. The evacuation was undertaken in order to strengthen the Chinese positions whereby the war of resistance may effectively be continued.

Continuing Resistance

The statement points out that since the seat of the National Government has been removed from Nanking, the city has no further military significance. The Chinese army's fighting plan is to avoid heavy sacrifice and in accordance with that plan the troops at Nanking have been ordered to withdraw to new positions where they will continue the resistance.

No information is available regarding the routes the withdrawing army took, but it is presumed the bulk of the troops went up river by boats and launches.

Handful Still Fighting

Fighting desperately to stem the Japanese attacks, a small force of Chinese troops is understood to have been left at Nanking when the main body of the army withdrew. These troops, it was reported last night, were still holding Hsankwan, the waterfront district between the wall city and the Yangtze, but unless they slipped out last night, they will be in a very precarious position to-day when their retreat by the river, now their only means of escape, may be cut off by the Japanese warships which are steaming up from Chinkiang.

General Matsui is expected to enter Nanking within a week, mounted on a charger, in the traditional manner of a conqueror. Meanwhile, elated residents of Hongkong will celebrate the fall of Nanking to-day with a victory parade through the streets in Hongkwai district.

Starting with a rally in an open space near Hongkwai market, the parade will wind through the various streets. Among places which the procession will pass are the Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters, the Japanese military attaché's office, the Japanese Consulate-General and the flagship Izumo, which is berthed next to the Japanese Consulate.—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS.

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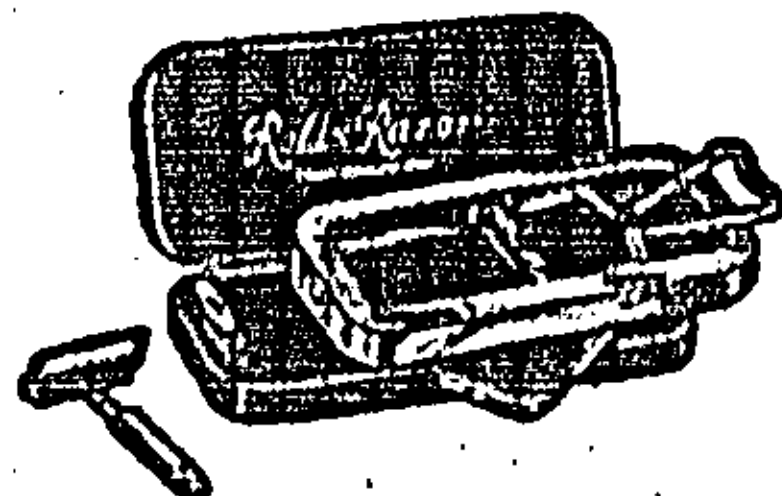
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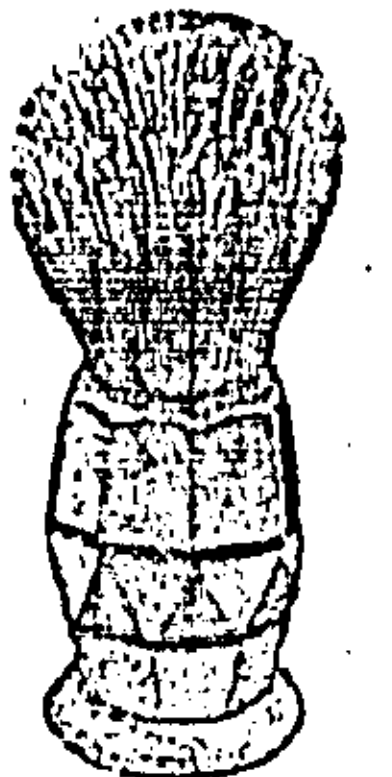
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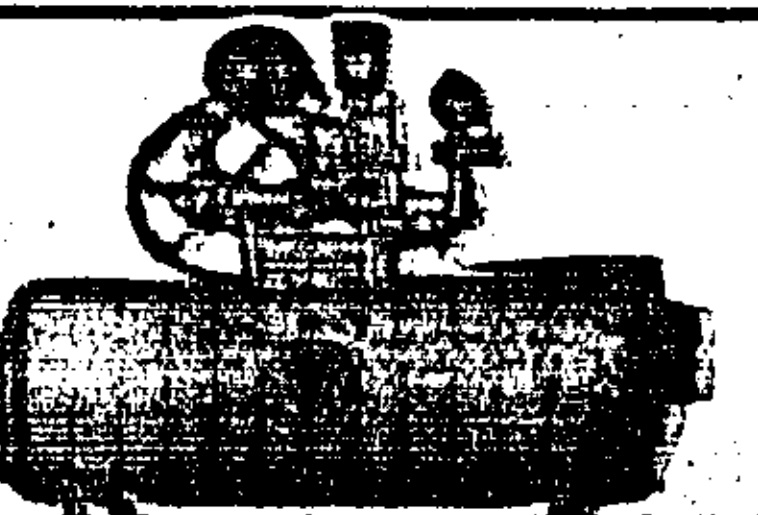
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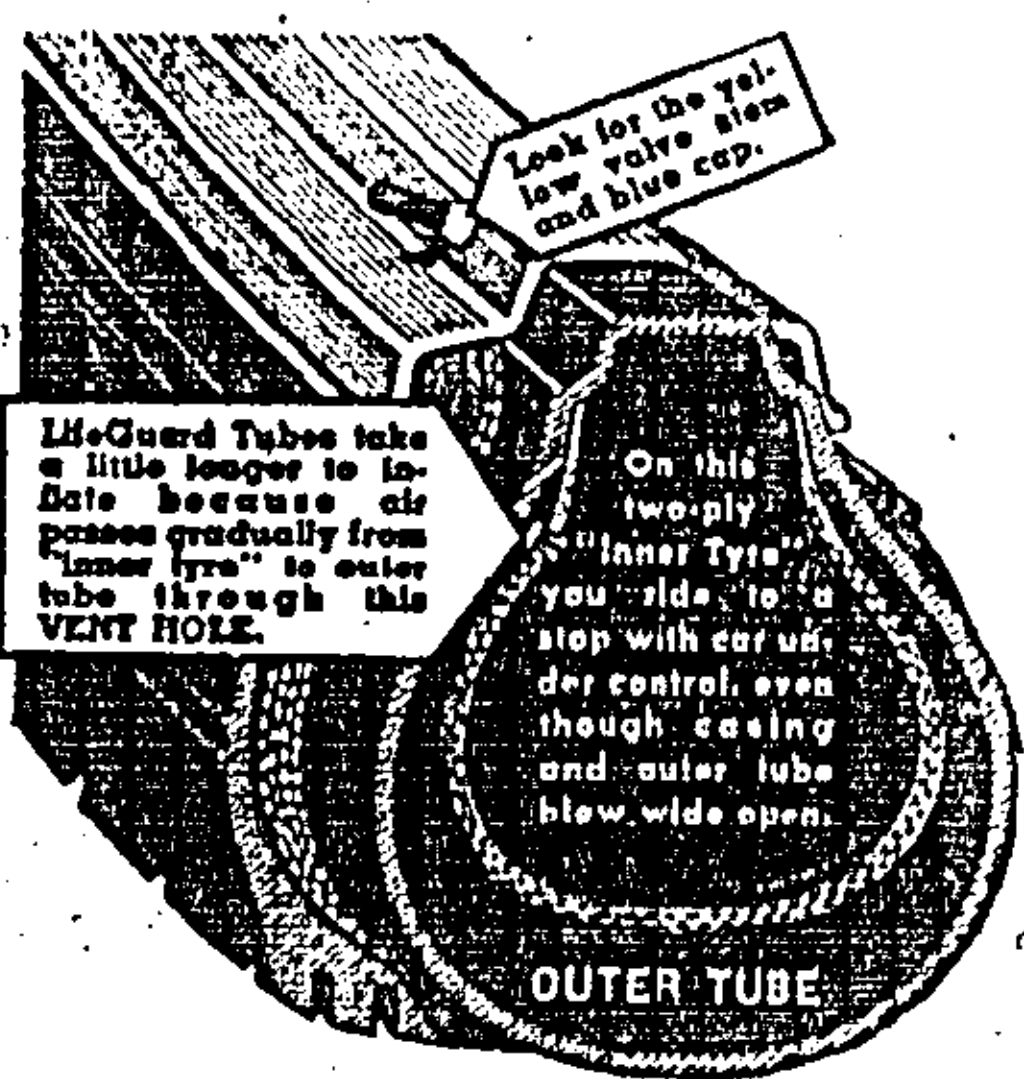
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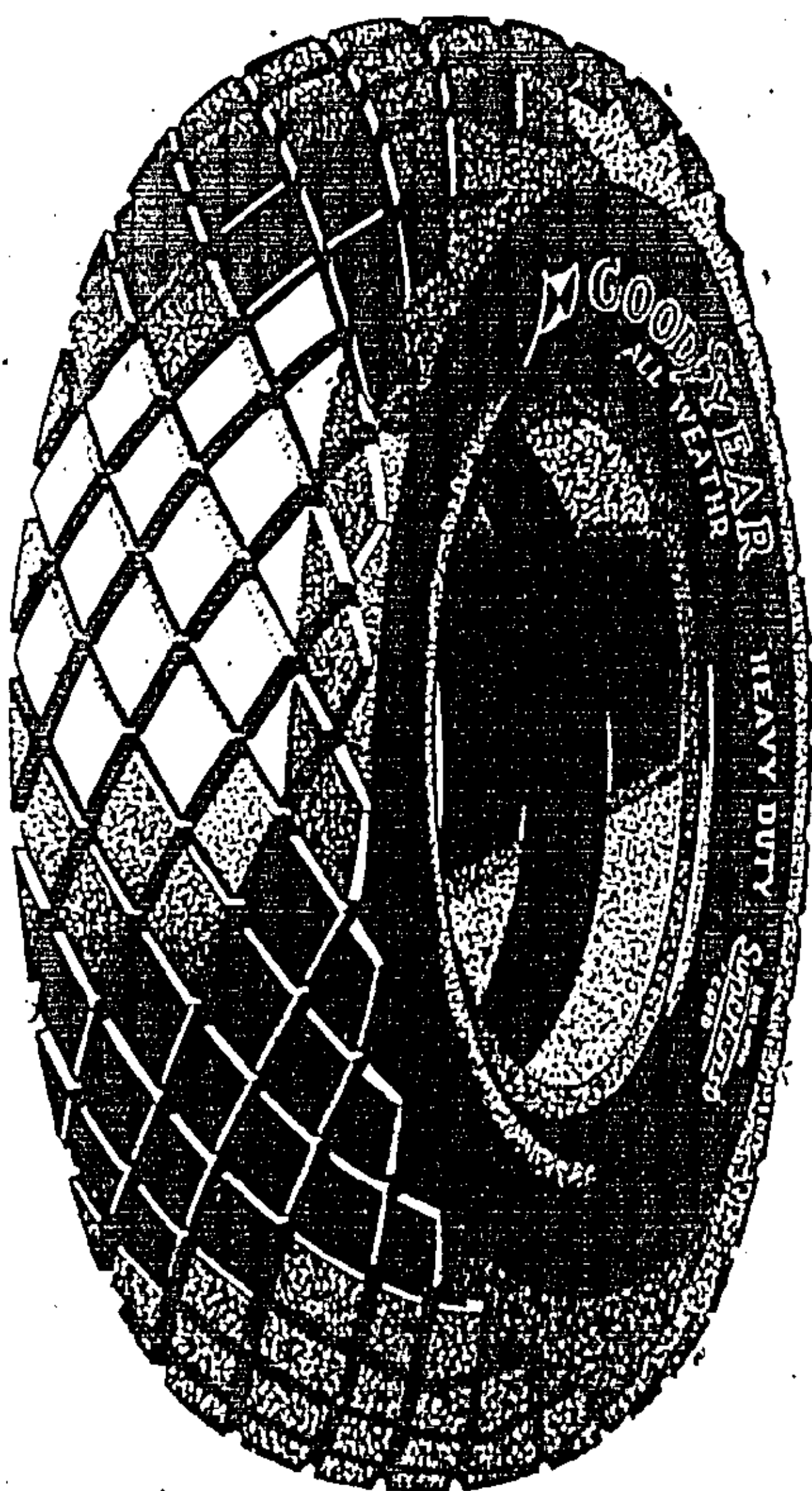
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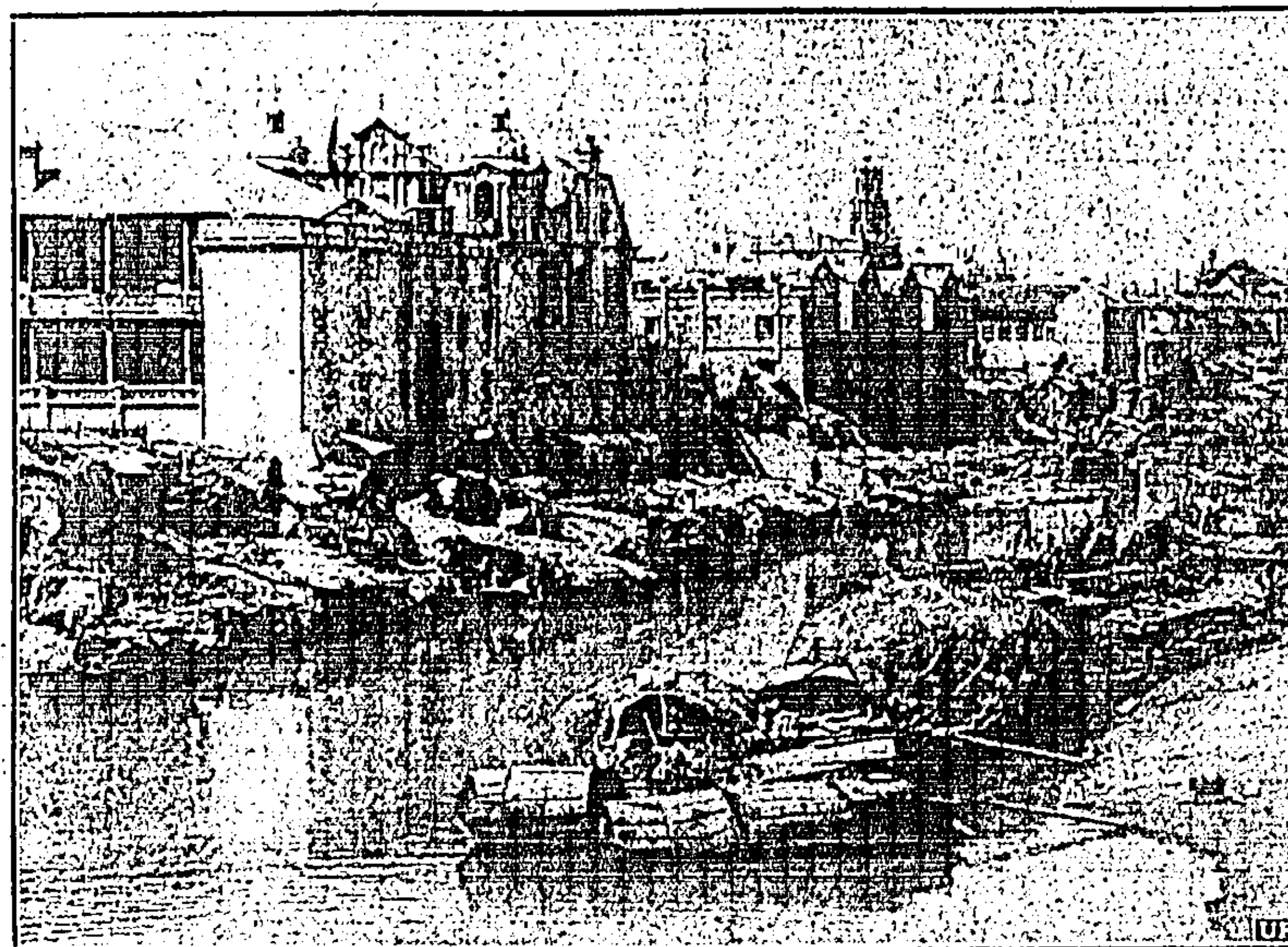
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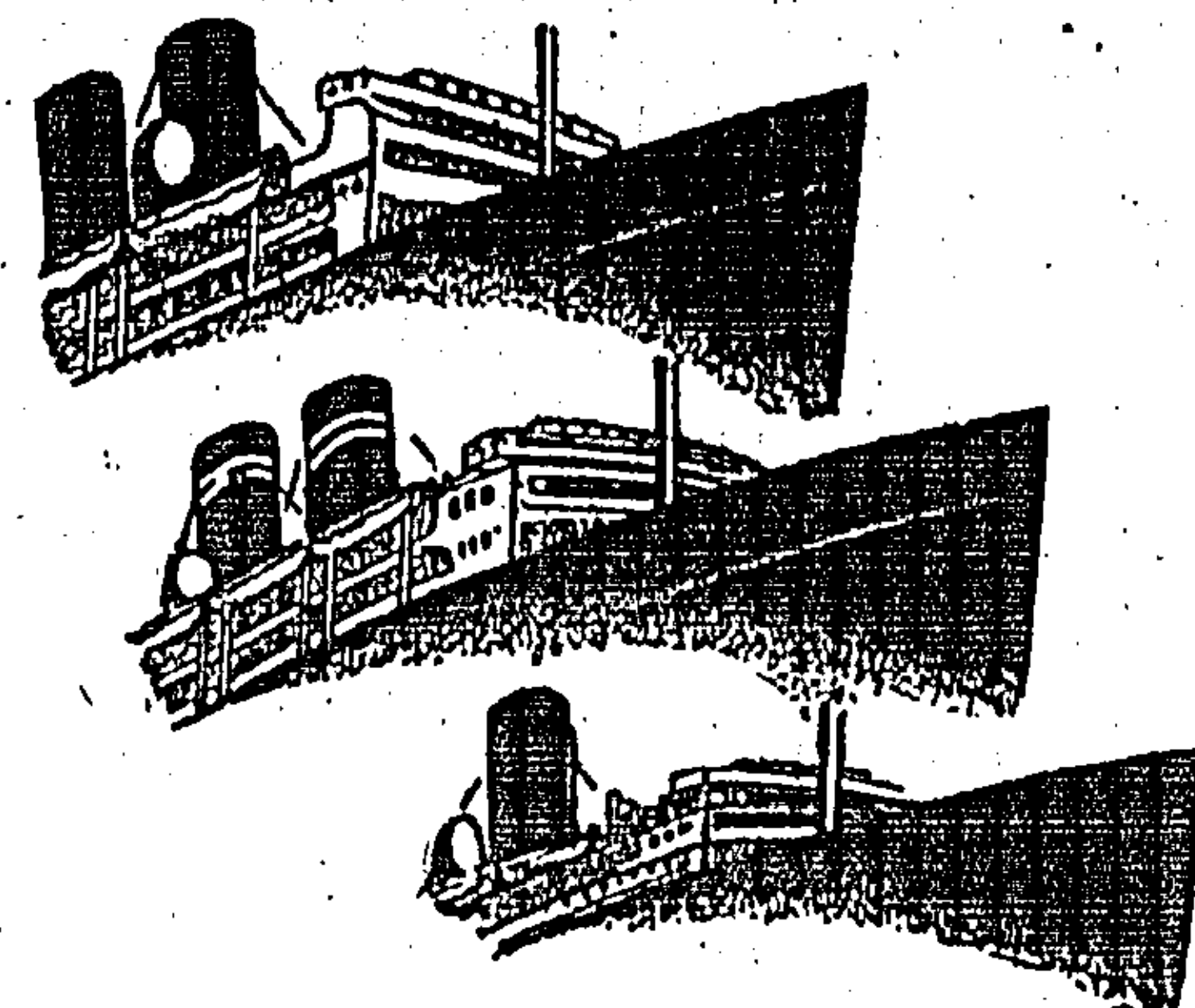
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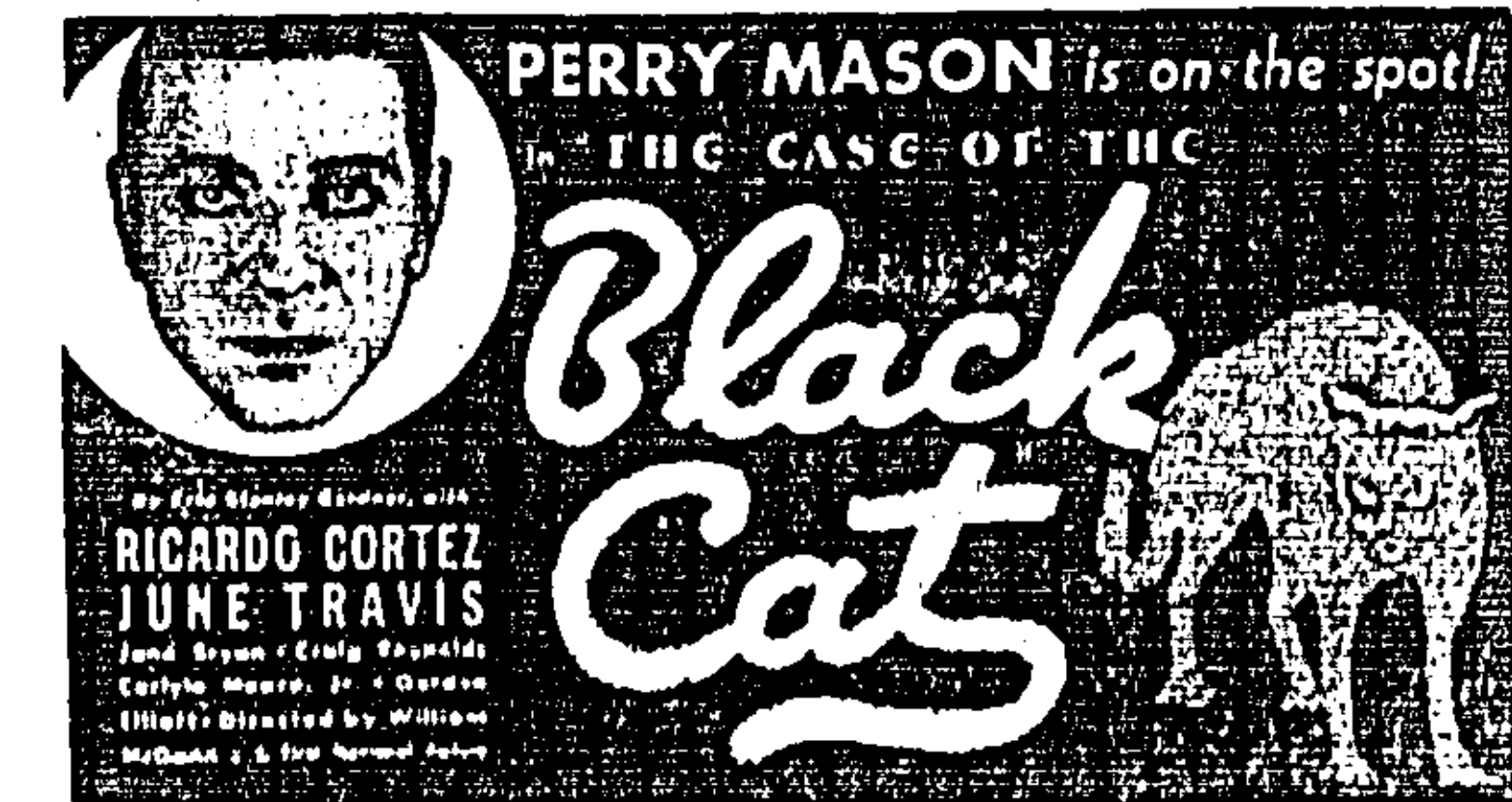
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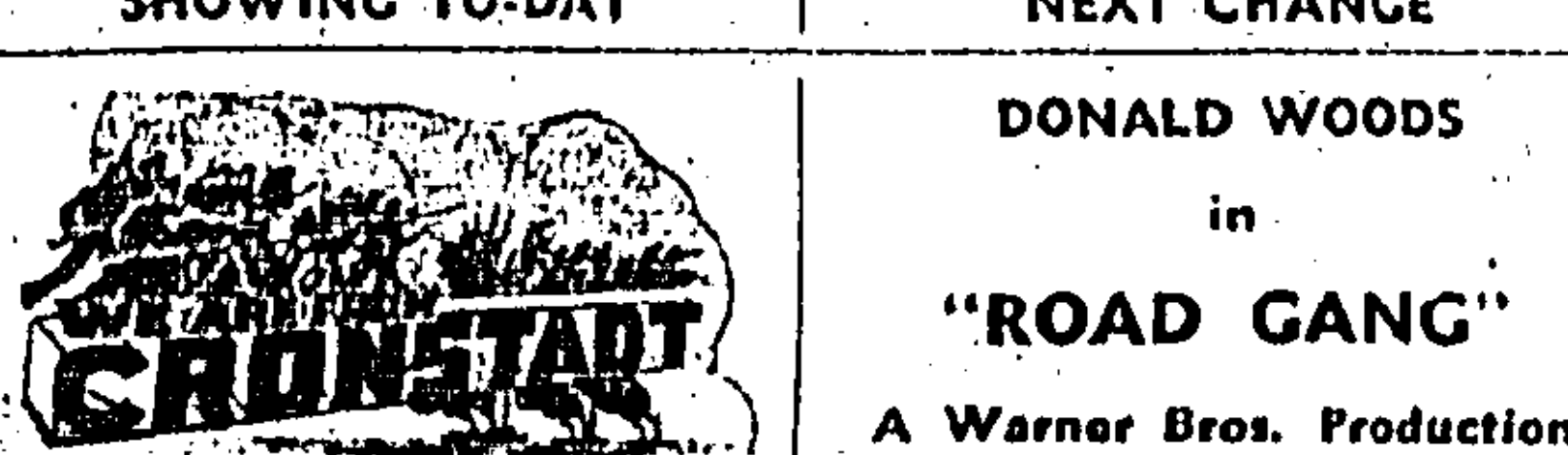
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ATTLEE DEFENDS BELIEFS

Makes No Excuse For Actions On Spanish Visit

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee made a personal statement regarding the vote of censure moved on him on December 8 for his alleged inaction in visiting Spain and for an alleged public speech he made there.

He said that on the basis of inaccurate newspaper reports, a motion had been placed on the Order Paper attacking his honour and charging him with a breach of faith. Mr. Attlee explained that he went to Spain at the invitation of the Spanish Prime Minister. His views on the Spanish question were well-known and he would continue to do all he could to persuade the people of England to share his views on the just cause of the Spanish Government.

Although leader of the Opposition, Mr. Attlee said he was a private Member, and owed no allegiance to the Government. He made no excuse nor apologised for any action regarding his visit to Spain.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain suggested that the House should accept Mr. Attlee's statement, and there was no further comment on the matter.—Reuter's Special.

SILVER AGREEMENT TO BE BURIED

Washington, Dec. 13. The London Silver Agreement of 1933 can be "buried" on its expiration on December 31, it was stated on behalf of the Administration to-day.

No conversations towards its continuance had taken place, it was added.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER

Tokyo, Dec. 14. It is officially stated that the Home Minister, Dr. Eiichi Baba has resigned owing to ill-health, and that the Cabinet Councillor, Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu has been appointed Home Minister.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS NEWS

BRITAIN'S ANGER RISING

London, Dec. 14. Britain's rising anger has been aroused following the incidents on the Yangtze, and stern editorials feature this morning's newspapers.

The Daily Telegraph says that "any belief in Japan's self-proclaimed mission to introduce stability in the Orient must be considered irrevocably forfeited in western eyes by the reckless manner in which she is carrying on a still undeclared war."

The News-Chronicle in urging an immediate joint Anglo-American embargo against Japan observes that: "The Japanese become more reckless in their conduct of the invasion of China. The motive inspiring these wanton Japanese attacks is difficult to fathom, but possibly it is due to sheer intoxication, indicating there may be a deeper motive. The Chinese continue to clutch like a drowning man at the straw of hope that Britain and America will do something, while the Japanese may be trying to teach them that London and Washington will do nothing, whatever the provocation received from Tokyo. So far they have succeeded, but the attacks on the British and American flags have now become intolerable. Probably all these outrages have been made possible through the use of war materials supplied from either British or United States sources. The proper reply is an embargo."—United Press.

"DEEP REGRET" IS NOT ENOUGH

Washington, Dec. 14. The Washington Post in an editorial says "The deliberate Japanese attack on the Panay, which at the time of destruction was virtually a floating Embassy, is far too serious a matter for flag waving and other heroics. The outrage comes to culminate a long line of Japanese assaults on the rights of neutrals in China, and demonstrates that the Japanese militarists will halt at nothing in their furious efforts to destroy the Chinese Government before their own economic position breaks down. And it is the type of aggression for which 'deep regret' by smoothed-tongued Japanese diplomats is totally inadequate."—United Press.

PEACE GROUPS ACTIVE

Washington, Dec. 14. As a result of the attack on the U.S.S. Panay, six peace organisations have issued a joint statement in which they observe that "the oriental situation is developing exactly the danger the forces advocating neutrality warned against from the beginning. In an Asiatic war an incident like the present one is bound to occur."

"It is bound likewise to create widespread alarm among the American people. The alarm is justified, for under the present day to day policy of drift, the way is open to any sudden action the administration may choose. Only the invocation of the Neutrality Act will give Americans the assurance that this Government does not intend to go to war to protect financial interests, nor intends to join in the application of sanctions to protect foreign interests along with our own small interests in the Orient."—United Press.

OAHU ARRIVES AT HOHSIEN

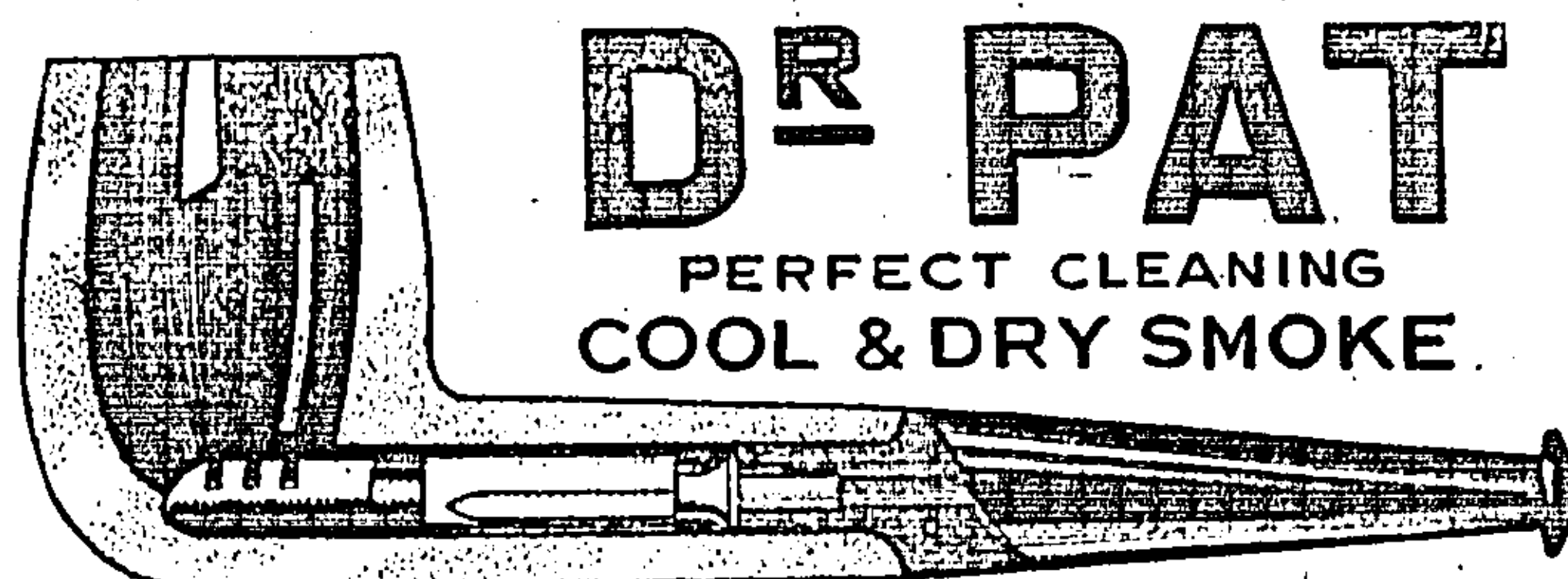
Shanghai, Dec. 14. The U.S.S. Oahu has arrived at Hoshien to assist in the rescue of the Panay survivors.—United Press.

FARR TO FIGHT JIM BRADDOCK

New York, Dec. 14. Mike Jacobs to-day announced he had completed arrangements for Jim Braddock, former world's champion, to fight the Welsh whirlwind, Tommy Farr. They will fight ten rounds at Madison Square Gardens on January 21.—United Press.

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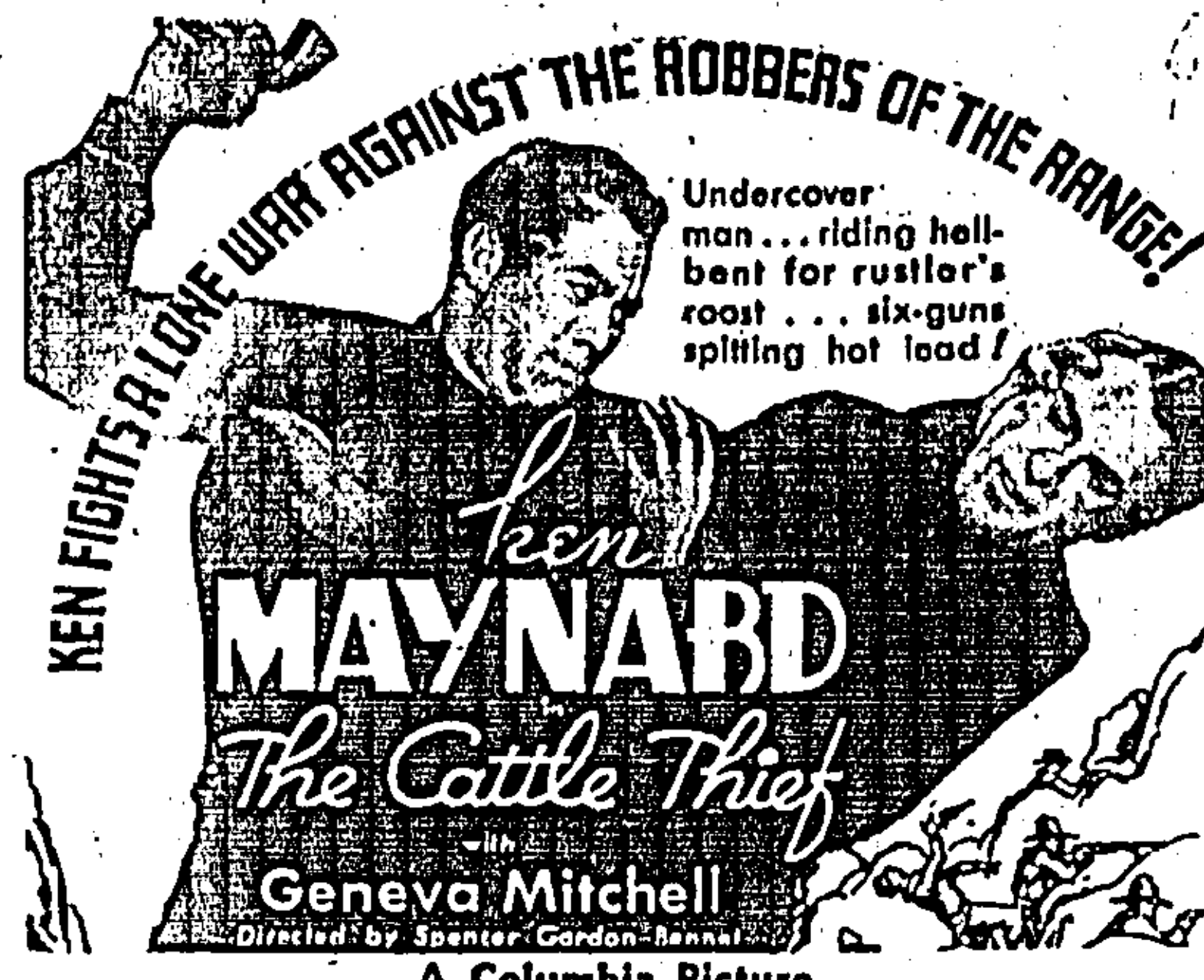
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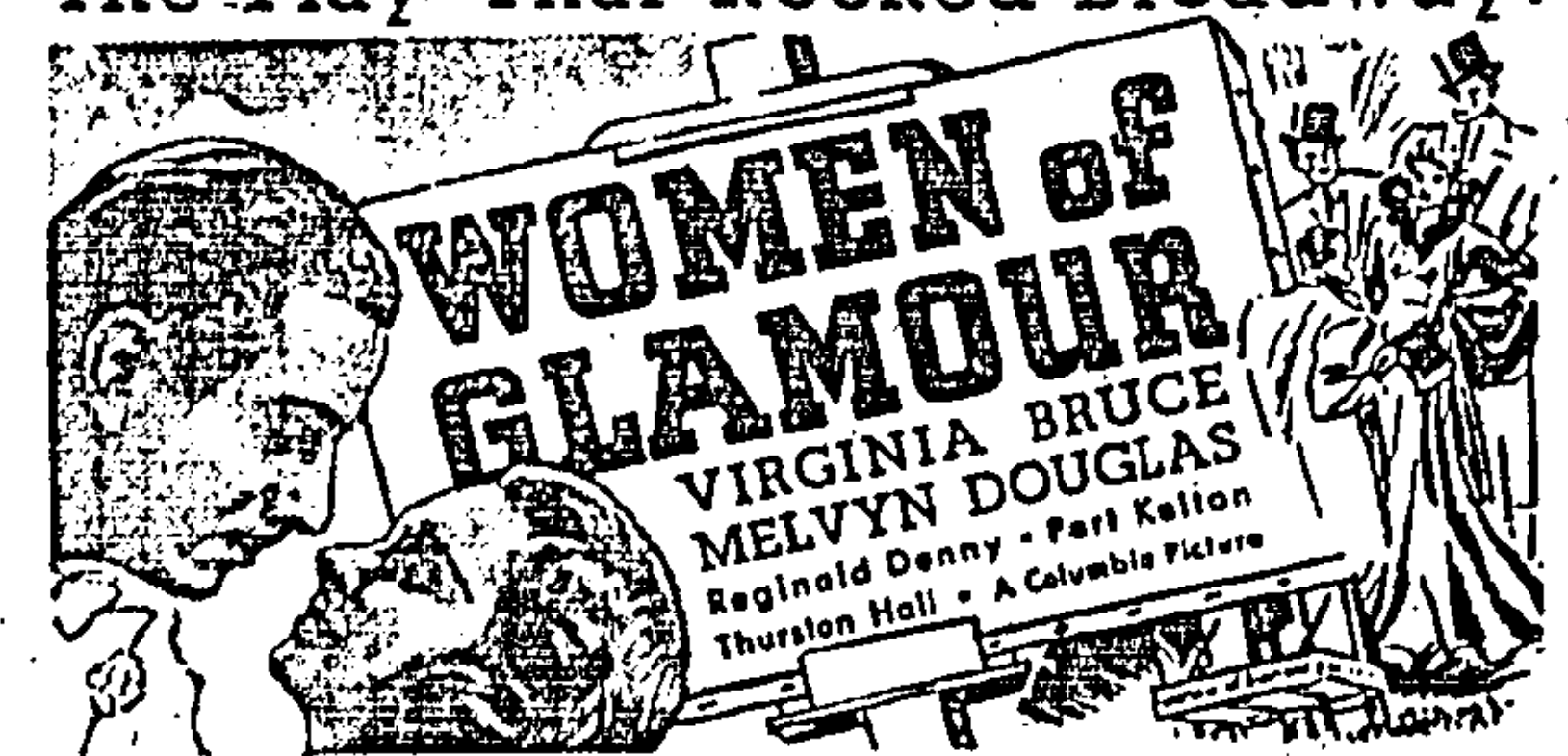
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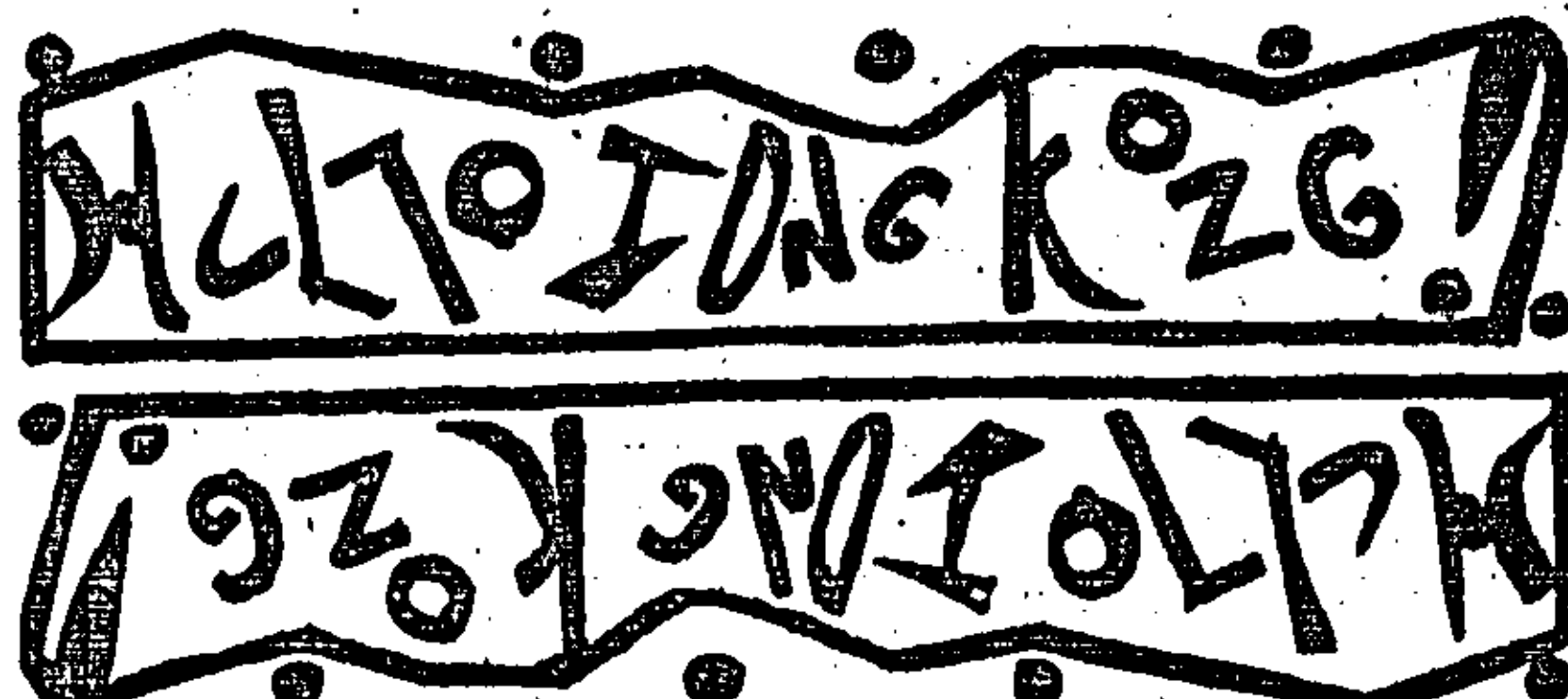


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